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Session 1: Word List

electrode

n. either of two points or ends of a conductor at which electricity enters or leaves an object, substance, or region

(1) platinum **electrodes**, (2) **electrode** corrosion

It is important to place the **electrodes** in the correct position for accurate electro-cardiogram recording.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
synonym : fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym : unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

quarry

n. a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting

synonym : stone pit, prey, target

(1) **quarry** operation, (2) **quarry** site

The hunter tracked down his **quarry** in the woods.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

experiment

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

synonym: experimentation, investigation

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

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

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

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

asleep

adj. in a state of sleep

synonym: sleeping, fallen, at rest

(1) **asleep** at the wheel, (2) dead **asleep**

He lay down and fell **asleep** immediately.

poise

n. a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior

synonym: confidence, grace, calmness

(1) aesthetic **poise**, (2) with easy **poise**

He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his **poise**.

- jab**
- v. to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle
- synonym*: poke, prod, thrust
- (1) **jab** a finger, (2) booster **jab**
- The nurse had to **jab** the patient with a needle to give them the medicine.
- 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**.
- skeleton**
- n. the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
- synonym*: bones, frame, structure
- (1) the steel **skeleton** of a building, (2) **skeleton** hand
- Scientists studied the ancient **skeleton** to learn more about the creature's anatomy.
- loom**
- v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
- synonym*: appear, come on, overshadow
- (1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon
- The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.
- tapestry**
- n. a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation
- synonym*: embroidery, hanging, cloth
- (1) colorful **tapestry**, (2) intricate **tapestry** design
- The **tapestry** on the wall depicted a medieval battle scene.

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.

sweeping

adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

synonym : broad, extensive, vast

(1) **sweeping** changes, (2) **sweeping** landscapes

The **sweeping** views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

striking

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

synonym : arresting, astonishing, exceptional

(1) **striking** innovation, (2) **striking** evidence

The two plays have many **striking** parallels.

choke

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

synonym : strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym : raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym :

blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**
Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

flame

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

synonym : blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

douse

v. to extinguish or soak something completely with a liquid, typically water; to pour the liquid over something or someone in a sudden and heavy manner

synonym : drench, soak, saturate

(1) **douse** his anger, (2) **douse** the lights

The firefighters had to **douse** the flames to put out the fire in the building.

insulate

v. to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.

synonym : isolate, protect, seclude

(1) **insulate** the room from sound, (2) **insulate** electricity

We had our bedroom **insulated** before winter came.

clay

n. a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

synonym : ceramics, pottery, dirt

(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground

The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired shape.

straw

n. dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.

synonym : hay, stalk, reed

(1) **straw** basket, (2) rice **straw**

The **straw** hat protected her face from the sun while she worked in the fields.

spice

n. a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food

synonym: seasoning, flavoring, condiment

(1) **spice** recipe, (2) **spice** flavor

He added a pinch of **spice** to the stew to flavor it.

unfamiliar

adj. not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

synonym: unknown, strange, foreign

(1) the **unfamiliar** surroundings, (2) around **unfamiliar** people

She was **unfamiliar** with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

bewilder

v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

synonym: perplex, confound, puzzle

(1) **bewilder** the reader, (2) **bewilder** scientists

The complex instructions on the assignment sheet **bewilder** most students.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym : daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

swath

n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

synonym : strip, band, fodder

(1) a large **swath** of territory, (2) a **swath** of green grass

The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast **swath** of the population.

punctuate

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

synonym : emphasize, accent, mark

(1) **punctuate** a sentence, (2) **punctuate** his talk

Strikes had also **punctuated** the preceding weeks.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

garment

n. a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt

synonym : apparel, clothing, attire

(1) **garment** industry, (2) silk **garment**

She hung the wet **garment** on the clothesline to dry.

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.

vein

n. a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation

synonym : artery, blood vessel, capillary

(1) spider **vein**, (2) collapsed **vein**

The nurse inserted the needle into the **vein** in his arm to draw blood.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym : miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

shore

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

synonym : coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym : douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
synonym : turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

carcass

n. the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

synonym : corpse, remains, body

(1) examine a **carcass**, (2) **carcass** disposal

The animal's **carcass** was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

whale

n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

synonym : porpoise, giant

(1) a bull **whale**, (2) **whale** watching

Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a **whale**.

ant

n. a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups

synonym : pismire, insect

(1) a white **ant**, (2) **ant** bite

We can find many large **ant** mounds in this area.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting
Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

ruin v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
synonym: bankrupt, demolish, destroy
(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation
He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

destroy v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate
(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence
The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

grief n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
synonym: anguish, desperation, dismay
(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**
Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

envelop v. to surround and cover completely; to encase
synonym: wrap, cover, surround
(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug
The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

enormous adj. extremely large or great
synonym: huge, giant, gigantic
(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential
Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

gasp v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
synonym: breathe, pant, heave
(1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasp**ed when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

alight

adj. lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down

synonym : burning, lighted up, (verb) land

(1) catch **alight**, (2) **alight** from a train

The witness stated that he set a house **alight**.

featureless

adj. lacking distinctive qualities, characteristics, or features; plain, unremarkable, or nondescript

synonym : blank, plain, feature-free

(1) **featureless** landscape, (2) **featureless** interior

The wall was **featureless**, with no patterns or designs to break up its dullness.

plain

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

synonym : basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

brood

v. to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth

synonym : offspring, hatch, family

(1) **brood** about the defeat, (2) a **brood** of chickens

The terrible result **brooded** over her all day long.

thump

v. to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully

synonym: beat, thud, pound

(1) **thump** on the back, (2) **thump** a blistering shot

I heard someone **thump** on the door, and when I opened it, no one was there.

urgent

adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing

synonym: pressing, critical, immediate

(1) an **urgent** telegram, (2) **urgent** situation

It is **urgent** that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym: insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

tick

n. a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis

synonym: sound, noise, beat

(1) **tick** of the clock, (2) **tick** fever

I always put a **tick** mark next to the items on my grocery list after buying them.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

bearing

n. the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

synonym: demeanor, posture, manner

(1) a thrust **bearing**, (2) a military **bearing**

The pilot had to adjust the plane's **bearing** to stay on course.

whirlwind

n. a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage

synonym: tornado, waterspout, dust devil

(1) economic **whirlwind**, (2) **whirlwind** of events

We went on a **whirlwind** visit to the sightseeing spot.

chimera

n. (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve

synonym: delusion, illusion, figment

(1) **chimera** mouse, (2) interspecies **chimera**

Animal **chimeras** are created by combining multiple fertilized eggs.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym: scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

monster

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

synonym: giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a

very loud voice

synonym : cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet
She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

unravel

v. undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
synonym : separate, unknot, ravel

(1) **unravel** a knit, (2) **unravel** a plot

Detectives are still attempting to **unravel** the mystery of his death.

earnest

adj. characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

synonym : sincere, serious, genuine

(1) **earnest** attempt, (2) **earnest** conversation

He spoke in an **earnest** tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

tattered

adj. worn, torn, or ragged in appearance or condition, usually as a result of long use or hard wear; frayed or falling apart

synonym :

ripped, shabby, worn-out

(1) **tattered** clothes, (2) **tattered** umbrella

The **tattered** book was falling apart at the seams from being read too many times.

sari

n. a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles

synonym: shawl, wrap, veil

(1) **sari** blouse, (2) silk **sari**

She wore a beautiful **sari** to the wedding, which was bright and colorful.

whip

v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

synonym: thrash, flog, scourge

(1) **whip** egg whites, (2) **whip** into shape

The jockey **whipped** the horse hard to take first place.

loose

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

synonym: relaxed, unconsolidated, open

(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair

The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.

braid

n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

synonym: plait, twist, weave

(1) **braid** hair, (2) elastic cord **braid**

She always wore her hair in a single **braid** down her back.

unfurl

v. to spread out or open something, such as a flag, sail, or wings, by shaking, shaking out, or extending it; to reveal

or become revealed or disclosed

synonym : unfold, expand, spread out

(1) **unfurl** my banner, (2) **unfurl** the sails

The flag slowly **unfurled** in the wind atop the flagpole.

alarm

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

synonym : notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock

The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

strain

n. a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups

synonym : pressure, tension, breed

(1) **strain** our eyes, (2) a **strain** of bacillus

Dictators of the past often had the erroneous idea of a pure racial **strain**.

towering

adj. very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature

synonym : lofty, tall, excessive

(1) **towering** trees, (2) **towering** mountain

The **towering** skyscraper blocked out the sun on the street

below.

vortex

n. a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind

synonym: whirlpool, whirlwind, maelstrom

(1) **vortex** formation, (2) blow in a **vortex**

The **vortex** of the tornado was massive and destructive.

debris

n. broken or torn fragments of something

synonym: remains, remnants, garbage

(1) space **debris**, (2) pile of **debris**

Marine **debris** is a major continuous global problem.

patter

n. a light, rapid series of sounds, often produced by rapid foot movements or quick speech; a pattern of sounds that repeats in a regular or rhythmic way

synonym: tapping, drumming, chatter

(1) pitter- **patter** of rain, (2) the light **patter** of footsteps

The sound of rain on the rooftop was a comforting **patter** that helped me fall asleep.

rumble

v. to make a low, heavy continuous sound

synonym: roar, growl, grumble

(1) **rumble** an order, (2) **rumble** down the dirt track

The thunder **rumbled** in the distance.

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.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

twitch

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

synonym: spasm, jerk, flinch

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

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

instrument

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

synonym: apparatus, tool, device

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

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

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym: proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym: critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

retreat

n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

synonym : escape, withdrawal, vacation

(1) **retreat** deeper into their territory, (2) **retreat** in a mountain region

Many people go on a **retreat** to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym : promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required

I need to send this email **urgently**.

grassland

n. a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock

synonym : meadow, plain, savanna

(1) endangered **grassland**, (2) vast **grassland**

Meadows and pastures are examples of smaller-scale **grasslands** in many parts of the world.

snowy

adj. characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions

synonym : wintry, frosty, icy

(1) **snowy** mountain, (2) **snowy** landscape

Children love to play outside in the **snowy** weather.

- knit** v. to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
synonym : weave, crochet, knot
(1) **knit** my eyebrows, (2) **knit** a pair of socks
The grandmother **knit** a warm sweater for her grandchild.
- mutual** *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
synonym : shared, common, joint
(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts
They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.
- confer** v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
synonym : consult, meet, discuss
(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor
The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.
- component** *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
synonym : element, part, factor
(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars
The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.
- 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.
- adjust** v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
synonym : adapt, alter, acclimate
(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror

You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

synonym: fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

orient

v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

synonym: position, align, adjust

(1) **orient** my thinking, (2) the exotic flavor of the **Orient**

She took a moment to **orient** herself in the unfamiliar city.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym: conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

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.

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

synonym: throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can

It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

spool

n. a cylindrical device with a flange at one or both ends, containing a hollow center and used to wind or store wire, thread, tape, film, or other flexible materials

synonym: bobbin, reel, cylinder

(1) **spool** pin, (2) **spool** of tape

I need a new **spool** of thread for my sewing machine.

multicolored

adj. having many colors

synonym: variegated, multihued, multicoloured

(1) **multicolored** lights, (2) **multicolored** dress

The **multicolored** parrot was a beautiful sight.

yarn

n. a long, thin thread or fiber, typically made of wool or cotton, used for knitting, weaving, or sewing; a long, elaborate, or fictional story, often told informally or with exaggeration; (verb) to tell a long, often embellished story or to spin a tale

synonym: thread, fiber, threadbare

(1) spinning **yarn**, (2) **yarn** about my past

Grandma used to knit a cozy blanket from soft **yarns** to keep us warm in winter.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

creak

v. to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,

synonym: squeak, scream, screech

(1) begin to **creak**, (2) shoes **creak**

The door **creaked** when I opened it slowly.

groan

v. to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction

synonym: moan, grunt, sigh

(1) **groan** in pain, (2) **groan** for water

The sight of the huge pile of laundry made me **groan** with dread.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym: cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

mesmerize

v. to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of

synonym: captivate, trance, enchant

(1) **mesmerize** a subject, (2) **mesmerize** with magic

The magician's performance **mesmerized** the audience.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym : unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape

Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

fountain

n. a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water

synonym : spring, well, spout

(1) **fountain** plaza, (2) decorative **fountain**

The **fountain** in the park provided a relaxing atmosphere.

glitter

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

synonym : sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

frantic

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

synonym : wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

accommodate

v. to provide someone with a place to live or to be stored in; to make fit for or to change to suit a new purpose

synonym : house, rent, adjust

(1) **accommodate** a person with money, (2) **accommodate** these needs

This large SUV **accommodates** eight people.

rhythm

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and

dancing

synonym : beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**

He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

Session 2: Spelling

1. soft c__y ground
n. a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
2. co___r degree
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
3. ur_____ly required
adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
4. fo_____in plaza
n. a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water
5. a hand-loomed fa___c
n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
6. musical ins_____nts
n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
7. me_____ze a subject
v. to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
8. do__e his anger
v. to extinguish or soak something completely with a liquid, typically water; to pour the liquid over something or someone in a sudden and heavy manner

ANSWERS: 1. clay, 2. confer, 3. urgently, 4. fountain, 5. fabric, 6. instrument, 7. mesmerize, 8. douse

9. begin to cr__k
v. to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,
10. mo_____r an exam
v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
11. ti___r with the settings
v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
12. shoes cr__k
v. to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,
13. remove lo__e hair
adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
14. al___t from a train
adj. lighted up by or as by fire or flame;
(verb) to come down
15. t__k of the clock
n. a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
16. beauty s__t
n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
17. a lot of gr__f
n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

ANSWERS: 9. creak, 10. monitor, 11. tinker, 12. creak, 13. loose, 14. alight, 15. tick, 16. spot, 17. grief

18. ca____s disposal *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
19. oasis in the de____t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
20. intricate ta____ry design *n.* a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation
21. ta____ed clothes *adj.* worn, torn, or ragged in appearance or condition, usually as a result of long use or hard wear; frayed or falling apart
22. th__p a blistering shot *v.* to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully
23. aesthetic po__e *n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
24. un____l the sails *v.* to spread out or open something, such as a flag, sail, or wings, by shaking, shaking out, or extending it; to reveal or become revealed or disclosed
25. tw____h at his sleeve *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
26. de____e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
27. st____n our eyes *n.* a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups

ANSWERS: 18. carcass, 19. desert, 20. tapestry, 21. tattered, 22. thump, 23. poise, 24. unfurl, 25. twitch, 26. define, 27. strain

28. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
29. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
30. an ur___t telegram *adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
31. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
32. br__d hair *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
33. ru___e down the dirt track *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
34. elastic cord br__d *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
35. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
36. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

ANSWERS: 28. mechanism, 29. flood, 30. urgent, 31. define, 32. braid, 33. rumble, 34. braid, 35. drown, 36. lever

37. co____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
38. en____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
39. surgical ins____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
40. sn__y mountain *adj.* characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions
41. ga____t industry *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
42. em____e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
43. s__i blouse *n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
44. t__s a coin *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
45. sc____m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

ANSWERS: 37. consume, 38. engineer, 39. instrument, 40. snowy, 41. garment, 42. emerge, 43. sari, 44. toss, 45. scream

46. examine a ca_____s *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
47. simmering fl__e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
48. mo_____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
49. fr_____c pace *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
50. tackle the problem ur_____ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
51. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
52. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
53. at___h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
54. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
55. dead as___p *adj.* in a state of sleep
56. economic bu___e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 46. carcass, 47. flame, 48. monitor, 49. frantic, 50. urgently, 51. mechanism, 52. lift, 53. attach, 54. lab, 55. asleep, 56. bubble

57. sk____on hand *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
58. bl__k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
59. share of a mu____l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
60. a sandy sh__e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
61. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
62. ill____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
63. the event ho____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
64. or____t my thinking *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
65. syn____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
66. pl__n answer *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

ANSWERS: 57. skeleton, 58. bleak, 59. mutual, 60. shore, 61. lever, 62. illiterate, 63. horizon, 64. orient, 65. synchronize, 66. plain

67. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
68. me_____ze with magic *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
69. re_____t in a mountain region *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
70. a st____n of bacillus *n.* a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups
71. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
72. the light pa____r of footsteps *n.* a light, rapid series of sounds, often produced by rapid foot movements or quick speech; a pattern of sounds that repeats in a regular or rhythmic way
73. silk s__i *n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
74. sp__l of tape *n.* a cylindrical device with a flange at one or both ends, containing a hollow center and used to wind or store wire, thread, tape, film, or other flexible materials
75. visual me_____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

ANSWERS: 67. suddenly, 68. mesmerize, 69. retreat, 70. strain, 71. suddenly, 72. patter, 73. sari, 74. spool, 75. metaphor

76. acc_____te these needs *v.* to provide someone with a place to live or to be stored in; to make fit for or to change to suit a new purpose
77. mu___l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
78. silk ga_____t *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
79. qu___y site *n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting
80. with fr_____c haste *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
81. st_____ng innovation *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
82. k__t my eyebrows *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
83. irregular heart rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
84. play a vi___l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
85. fea_____ss landscape *adj.* lacking distinctive qualities, characteristics, or features; plain, unremarkable, or nondescript
86. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great

ANSWERS: 76. accommodate, 77. mutual, 78. garment, 79. quarry, 80. frantic, 81. striking, 82. knit, 83. rhythm, 84. vital, 85. featureless, 86. enormous

87. blow in a vo___x *n.* a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind
88. have gr__f and sorrow *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
89. delta pl__n *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
90. un_____l a plot *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
91. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
92. k__t a pair of socks *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
93. un_____l a knit *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
94. pu_____te a sentence *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
95. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
96. the exotic flavor of the Or___t *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
97. c__y animation *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

ANSWERS: 87. vortex, 88. grief, 89. plain, 90. unravel, 91. experiment, 92. knit, 93. unravel, 94. punctuate, 95. participate, 96. orient, 97. clay

98. ad___t a schedule *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
99. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
100. an al__m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
101. mul_____red dress *adj.* having many colors
102. with easy po__e *n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
103. the unf_____ar surroundings *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
104. as___p at the wheel *adj.* in a state of sleep
105. platinum el_____des *n.* either of two points or ends of a conductor at which electricity enters or leaves an object, substance, or region
106. sp__l pin *n.* a cylindrical device with a flange at one or both ends, containing a hollow center and used to wind or store wire, thread, tape, film, or other flexible materials
107. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
108. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
109. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 98. adjust, 99. synchronize, 100. alarm, 101. multicolored, 102. poise, 103. unfamiliar, 104. asleep, 105. electrode, 106. spool, 107. vast, 108. emerge, 109. represent

110. a_t bite *n.* a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups
111. qu___y operation *n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting
112. ru___e an order *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
113. a large sw__h of territory *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
114. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
115. a br__d of chickens *v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
116. gr__n in pain *v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
117. be_____er the reader *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
118. me_____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

ANSWERS: 110. ant, 111. quarry, 112. rumble, 113. swath, 114. contribute, 115. brood, 116. groan, 117. bewilder, 118. metaphor

119. st____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
120. catch al____t *adj.* lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down
121. do__e the lights *v.* to extinguish or soak something completely with a liquid, typically water; to pour the liquid over something or someone in a sudden and heavy manner
122. colorful ta____ry *n.* a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation
123. en____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
124. numeric ke____rd *n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
125. par____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
126. un____d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
127. a peaceful la____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 119. striking, 120. alight, 121. douse, 122. tapestry, 123. envelop, 124. keyboard, 125. participate, 126. unfold, 127. landscape

128. w__p into shape *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
129. ch__e with anger *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
130. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
131. sp__e recipe *n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
132. t__k fever *n.* a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
133. a sw__h of green grass *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
134. sp__e flavor *n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
135. a military be____g *n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another
136. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

ANSWERS: 128. whip, 129. choke, 130. rub, 131. spice, 132. tick, 133. swath, 134. spice, 135. bearing, 136. experiment

137. sn__y landscape *adj.* characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions
138. interspecies ch____a *n.* (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve
139. give the al__m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
140. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
141. be____er scientists *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
142. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
143. l__m over the global economy *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
144. around unf____ar people *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
145. en____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
146. a white a_t *n.* a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups

ANSWERS: 137. snowy, 138. chimera, 139. alarm, 140. ruin, 141. bewilder, 142. tuck, 143. loom, 144. unfamiliar, 145. enormous, 146. ant

147. booster j_b *v.* to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle
148. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
149. t__s the bottle into a trash can *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
150. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
151. pitter-pa___r of rain *n.* a light, rapid series of sounds, often produced by rapid foot movements or quick speech; a pattern of sounds that repeats in a regular or rhythmic way
152. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
153. business ho_____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
154. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
155. br___h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

ANSWERS: 147. jab, 148. component, 149. toss, 150. weave, 151. patter, 152. weave, 153. horizon, 154. fabric, 155. breath

156. decorative fo____in *n.* a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water
157. ea____t attempt *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
158. ch__e off the blood supply *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
159. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
160. hold your br____h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
161. sc____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
162. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
163. ad____t the rearview mirror *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
164. a civil en____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
165. re____e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

ANSWERS: 156. fountain, 157. earnest, 158. choke, 159. destroy, 160. breath, 161. scatter, 162. dawn, 163. adjust, 164. engineer, 165. refuse

166. ur___t situation *adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
167. wh__e watching *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
168. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
169. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
170. pile of de___s *n.* broken or torn fragments of something
171. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
172. gl_____r in her eyes *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
173. vo___x formation *n.* a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind
174. continuously sh_____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
175. fea_____ss interior *adj.* lacking distinctive qualities, characteristics, or features; plain, unremarkable, or nondescript
176. sh_____ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
177. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

ANSWERS: 166. urgent, 167. whale, 168. contribute, 169. warn, 170. debris, 171. represent, 172. glitter, 173. vortex, 174. shifting, 175. featureless, 176. shifting, 177. dawn

178. fl__e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
179. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
180. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
181. sh__e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
182. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
183. ch_____a mouse *n.* (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve
184. el_____de corrosion *n.* either of two points or ends of a conductor at which electricity enters or leaves an object, substance, or region
185. w__p egg whites *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
186. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

ANSWERS: 178. flame, 179. landscape, 180. confer, 181. shore, 182. desert, 183. chimera, 184. electrode, 185. whip, 186. drown

187. the steel sk_____on of a building *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
188. to _____ng mountain *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
189. st__w basket *n.* dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.
190. mul_____red lights *adj.* having many colors
191. tw____h of an eye *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
192. y__n about my past *n.* a long, thin thread or fiber, typically made of wool or cotton, used for knitting, weaving, or sewing; a long, elaborate, or fictional story, often told informally or with exaggeration; (verb) to tell a long, often embellished story or to spin a tale
193. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
194. sw_____ng landscapes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
195. re____e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
196. collapsed v__n *n.* a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation

ANSWERS: 187. skeleton, 188. towering, 189. straw, 190. multicolored, 191. twitch, 192. yarn, 193. separate, 194. sweeping, 195. refuse, 196. vein

197. 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
198. a bull wh__e *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
199. gr__n for water *v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
200. endangered gr_____nd *n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
201. to _____ng trees *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
202. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
203. r_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
204. in_____te electricity *v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.
205. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
206. mo_____r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

ANSWERS: 197. structure, 198. whale, 199. groan, 200. grassland, 201. towering, 202. flood, 203. rub, 204. insulate, 205. destroy, 206. monster

207. the wh____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
208. spider v__n *n.* a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation
209. in____te the room from sound *v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.
210. g__p for air *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
211. computer-ill____te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
212. a lo__e tongue *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
213. wh____nd of events *n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage
214. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
215. answer in a wh____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

ANSWERS: 207. whisper, 208. vein, 209. insulate, 210. gasp, 211. illiterate, 212. loose, 213. whirlwind, 214. ruin, 215. whisper

216. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
217. 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
218. ke_____rd instruments *n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
219. ta_____ed umbrella *adj.* worn, torn, or ragged in appearance or condition, usually as a result of long use or hard wear; frayed or falling apart
220. un_____d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
221. horde of mo_____rs *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
222. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
223. br__d about the defeat *v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
224. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 216. separate, 217. structure, 218. keyboard, 219. tattered, 220. unfold, 221. monster, 222. tuck, 223. brood, 224. spot

225. spinning y__n *n.* a long, thin thread or fiber, typically made of wool or cotton, used for knitting, weaving, or sewing; a long, elaborate, or fictional story, often told informally or with exaggeration; (verb) to tell a long, often embellished story or to spin a tale
226. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
227. j_b a finger *v.* to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle
228. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
229. l__m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
230. rice st__w *n.* dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.
231. vast gr_____nd *n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
232. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something

ANSWERS: 225. yarn, 226. bubble, 227. jab, 228. warn, 229. loom, 230. straw, 231. grassland, 232. vital

233. th__p on the back *v.* to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully
234. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
235. sw_____ng changes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
236. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
237. ti___r with the bill *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
238. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
239. in samba rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
240. space de___s *n.* broken or torn fragments of something
241. g__p in shock *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
242. re_____t deeper into their territory *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
243. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 233. thump, 234. component, 235. sweeping, 236. lab, 237. tinker, 238. consume, 239. rhythm, 240. debris, 241. gasp, 242. retreat, 243. lift

244. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
245. en____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
246. ea____t conversation *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
247. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
248. economic wh_____nd *n.* a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage
249. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
250. acc_____te a person with money *v.* to provide someone with a place to live or to be stored in; to make fit for or to change to suit a new purpose
251. un___l my banner *v.* to spread out or open something, such as a flag, sail, or wings, by shaking, shaking out, or extending it; to reveal or become revealed or disclosed
252. prospects were bl__k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
253. a thrust be____g *n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

ANSWERS: 244. attach, 245. envelop, 246. earnest, 247. scream, 248. whirlwind, 249. vast, 250. accommodate, 251. unfurl, 252. bleak, 253. bearing

254. pu_____te his talk v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
255. sc_____r seeds v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
256. gl_____r against her skin v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

ANSWERS: 254. punctuate, 255. scatter, 256. glitter

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. The complex instructions on the assignment sheet _____ most students.
v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
3. He added a pinch of _____ to the stew to flavor it.
n. a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
4. The waves are beating against the _____.
n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water;
v. to support by placing against something solid or rigid
5. The witness stated that he set a house _____.
adj. lighted up by or as by fire or flame; *v.* to come down
6. Scientists studied the ancient _____ to learn more about the creature's anatomy.
n. the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
7. The firefighters had to _____ the flames to put out the fire in the building.
v. to extinguish or soak something completely with a liquid, typically water; to pour the liquid over something or someone in a sudden and heavy manner

ANSWERS: 1. keyboard, 2. bewilder, 3. spice, 4. shore, 5. alight, 6. skeleton, 7. douse

8. She couldn't stop her leg from _____ nervously.
- v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
9. The _____ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.
- n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
10. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.
- n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
11. The audience _____ when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.
- v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
12. The wall was _____ with no patterns or designs to break up its dullness.
- adj.* lacking distinctive qualities, characteristics, or features; plain, unremarkable, or nondescript
13. Strikes had also _____ the preceding weeks.
- v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
14. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.
- v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
15. The _____ of the tornado was massive and destructive.
- n.* a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind

ANSWERS: 8. twitching, 9. flame, 10. mechanisms, 11. gasped, 12. featureless, 13. punctuated, 14. whispered, 15. vortex

16. She kept _____ for an ambulance.

- v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

17. She was _____ with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

- adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

18. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

- n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

19. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.

- v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

20. The _____ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

- n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

21. His _____ showed highly positive results.

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

22. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.

- v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

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

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

ANSWERS: 16. screaming, 17. unfamiliar, 18. horizon, 19. unfolded, 20. alarm, 21. experiments, 22. weaves, 23. instrument

24. The _____ in the park provided a relaxing atmosphere.
- n.* a structure usually consisting of a basin and a jet of water that is sprayed into the air, often used for decoration or as a source of drinking water
25. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.
- adj.* constantly changing or moving
26. The thunder _____ in the distance.
- v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
27. He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his _____.
- n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
28. The sight of the huge pile of laundry made me _____ with dread.
- v.* to make a low, moaning sound, often indicating pain, discomfort, or dissatisfaction
29. The political landscape looks _____ without a change of administration.
- adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
30. I need a new _____ of thread for my sewing machine.
- n.* a cylindrical device with a flange at one or both ends, containing a hollow center and used to wind or store wire, thread, tape, film, or other flexible materials
31. I heard someone _____ on the door, and when I opened it, no one was there.
- v.* to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully

ANSWERS: 24. fountain, 25. shifting, 26. rumbled, 27. poise, 28. groan, 29. bleak, 30. spool, 31. thump

32. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

33. This car has a _____ engine.

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

34. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

35. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

36. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

37. My initial reaction was to _____.

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

38. Many people go on a _____ to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

39. The mother was _____ as she searched for her lost child.

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

40. The two plays have many _____ parallels.

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

ANSWERS: 32. enormous, 33. monster, 34. lever, 35. vital, 36. landscape, 37. refuse, 38. retreat, 39. frantic, 40. striking

41. The pilot had to adjust the plane's _____ to stay on course.
- n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another
42. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's ____.
- n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
43. She wore a beautiful _____ to the wedding, which was bright and colorful.
- n.* a garment worn primarily by women from the Indian subcontinent, consisting of a length of fabric that is draped and wrapped around the body in various styles
44. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.
- n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
45. Meadows and pastures are examples of smaller-scale _____ in many parts of the world.
- n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
46. 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
47. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
48. The door _____ when I opened it slowly.
- v.* to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,

ANSWERS: 41. bearing, 42. lab, 43. sari, 44. rhythm, 45. grasslands, 46. structure, 47. separate, 48. creaked

49. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.
v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
50. The grandmother _____ a warm sweater for her grandchild.
v. to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
51. The terrible result _____ over her all day long.
v. to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
52. This region is predominantly _____.
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
53. Despite attending school, he remained _____ and unable to read or write.
adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
54. Marine _____ is a major continuous global problem.
n. broken or torn fragments of something
55. The issue of divorce _____ large in his mind.
v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
56. Children love to play outside in the _____ weather.
adj. characterized by or covered in snow; consisting of or producing snow; often used to describe wintry landscapes or weather conditions

ANSWERS: 49. monitor, 50. knit, 51. brooded, 52. desert, 53. illiterate, 54. debris, 55. loomed, 56. snowy

57. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat _____.

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

58. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

59. The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast _____ of the population.

n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

60. The _____ hat protected her face from the sun while she worked in the fields.

n. dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.

61. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

62. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

63. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

64. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

ANSWERS: 57. plain, 58. enveloped, 59. swath, 60. straw, 61. synchronized, 62. component, 63. mutual, 64. drown

65. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
66. The hunter tracked down his _____ in the woods.
- n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting
67. The sound of rain on the rooftop was a comforting _____ that helped me fall asleep.
- n.* a light, rapid series of sounds, often produced by rapid foot movements or quick speech; a pattern of sounds that repeats in a regular or rhythmic way
68. You have to _____ your content to the age of the audience.
- v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
69. The sculptor carefully molded the _____ into the desired shape.
- n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
70. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
71. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.
- n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
72. We can find many large _____ mounds in this area.
- n.* a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups

ANSWERS: 65. engineer, 66. quarry, 67. patter, 68. adjust, 69. clay, 70. contribute, 71. breath, 72. ant

73. The _____ views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

74. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

75. Her dress _____ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

76. She took a moment to _____ herself in the unfamiliar city.

v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

77. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

78. I always put a _____ mark next to the items on my grocery list after buying them.

n. a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis

79. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

80. Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a _____.

n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

ANSWERS: 73. sweeping, 74. rubbed, 75. glittered, 76. orient, 77. floods, 78. tick, 79. tuck, 80. whale

81. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
82. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
- n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
83. She always wore her hair in a single _____ down her back.
- n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
84. It is important to place the _____ in the correct position for accurate electro-cardiogram recording.
- n. either of two points or ends of a conductor at which electricity enters or leaves an object, substance, or region
85. This large SUV _____ eight people.
- v. to provide someone with a place to live or to be stored in; to make fit for or to change to suit a new purpose
86. He spent the afternoon _____ with his car engine.
- v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
87. It is _____ that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.
- adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
88. Animal _____ are created by combining multiple fertilized eggs.
- n. (in Greek mythology) a fire-breathing creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a snake's tail; a thing that is illusory or impossible to achieve

ANSWERS: 81. destroyed, 82. spot, 83. braid, 84. electrodes, 85. accommodates, 86. tinkering, 87. urgent, 88. chimeras

89. He lay down and fell _____ immediately.

adj. in a state of sleep

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

v. to take part in something

91. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

92. The _____ on the wall depicted a medieval battle scene.

n. a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation

93. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

94. He spoke in an _____ tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

adj. characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

95. We went on a _____ visit to the sightseeing spot.

n. a very strong wind that moves rapidly in circles and causes a lot of damage

ANSWERS: 89. asleep, 90. participated, 91. bubble, 92. tapestry, 93. confer, 94. earnest, 95. whirlwind

96. The nurse inserted the needle into the _____ in his arm to draw blood.
n. a blood vessel that carries blood from various parts of the body back to the heart; a mineral deposit or layer of rock that is contained within another rock formation
97. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.
n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
98. Each person has a unique _____ experience.
n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
99. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.
n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
100. The _____ parrot was a beautiful sight.
adj. having many colors
101. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
v. to move out of or away from something and become visible
102. She hung the wet _____ on the clothesline to dry.
n. a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
103. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.
v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

ANSWERS: 96. vein, 97. fabrics, 98. grief, 99. metaphors, 100. multicolored, 101. emerged, 102. garment, 103. scattered

104. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.

- v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

105. I need to send this email _____.

- adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

106. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.

- v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

107. We had our bedroom _____ before winter came.

- v. to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.

108. Dictators of the past often had the erroneous idea of a pure racial _____.

- n. a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups

109. It would be best if you _____ out all those old magazines.

- v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

110. The _____ book was falling apart at the seams from being read too many times.

- adj. worn, torn, or ragged in appearance or condition, usually as a result of long use or hard wear; frayed or falling apart

111. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.

- v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 104. warn, 105. urgently, 106. ruined, 107. insulated, 108. strain, 109. tossed, 110. tattered, 111. lifted

112. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

113. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.

- n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

114. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

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

115. Who answers _____ knows little.

- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

116. The jockey _____ the horse hard to take first place.

- v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

117. The inspector discovered _____ bolts under the fuel rods.

- adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

118. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

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

119. The baby started to _____ on a piece of apple.

- v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

120. The flag slowly _____ in the wind atop the flagpole.

- v.* to spread out or open something, such as a flag, sail, or wings, by shaking, shaking out, or extending it; to reveal or become revealed or disclosed

ANSWERS: 112. represent, 113. dawn, 114. vast, 115. suddenly, 116. whipped, 117. loose, 118. consume, 119. choke, 120. unfurled

121. The _____ skyscraper blocked out the sun on the street below.
adj. very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
122. Grandma used to knit a cozy blanket from soft _____ to keep us warm in winter.
n. a long, thin thread or fiber, typically made of wool or cotton, used for knitting, weaving, or sewing; a long, elaborate, or fictional story, often told informally or with exaggeration; (verb) to tell a long, often embellished story or to spin a tale
123. Detectives are still attempting to _____ the mystery of his death.
v. undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
124. The magician's performance _____ the audience.
v. to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
125. The animal's _____ was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.
n. the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
126. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
127. The nurse had to _____ the patient with a needle to give them the medicine.
v. to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle
128. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 121. towering, 122. yarns, 123. unravel, 124. mesmerized, 125. carcass, 126. attach, 127. jab, 128. define

ANSWERS: