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Session 1: Word List

vegan

n. a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons

(1) raw food **vegan**, (2) **vegan** lifestyle

The **vegan** diet is based on plant-based foods.

preface

n. an introduction or preliminary statement, particularly to a book or other written work, that provides context or sets out the author's purpose or perspective

synonym: introduction, preamble, prologue

(1) **preface** page, (2) book **preface**

The author wrote a powerful **preface** explaining their motivation for writing the book.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

dietary

adj. relating to or affecting the way that a person eats or the specific foods that they consume

synonym: nutritional, alimentary

(1) **dietary** supplement, (2) **dietary** restrictions

The menu at the restaurant includes many **dietary** options for those with food restrictions.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer

immediately

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

non-existent

adj. not real; not existing or having no real existence

synonym: not real, lacking, absent

(1) **non-existent** resources, (2) presently **non-existent**

The evidence for this theory is **non-existent**.

amalgam

n. an alloy of mercury with another metal, used especially to fill holes in teeth; a mixture or combination of diverse things

synonym: mixture, alloy, admixture

(1) **amalgam** alloy, (2) an **amalgam** of hope and fear

His theory is an **amalgam** of earlier ideas.

annoying

adj. making someone feel slightly angry

synonym: aggravating, bothersome, irksome

(1) **annoying** banner ad, (2) **annoying** habit

The phone call is an **annoying** interruption.

zeitgeist

n. the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

synonym : spirit of the time, trend, fashion

(1) the **zeitgeist** of the era, (2) cultural **zeitgeist**

The political speech resonated with the **zeitgeist** of national unity and cooperation.

diet

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

synonym : food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval

A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.

interchange

n. an exchange of one thing for another, often involving a replacement or substitution; a meeting or intersection of two or more roads or routes

synonym : exchange, swap, trade

(1) **interchange** station, (2) **interchange** of ideas

The highway had a dangerous **interchange** where accidents were common.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

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.

tussle

v. to fight or struggle in a confused way, especially to get something; (noun) a vigorous struggle or scuffle, typically to obtain or achieve something

synonym : scuffle, struggle, wrangle

(1) **tussle** over territory, (2) have a **tussle** with a person

The two wrestlers **tussled** on the mat for several minutes before one was declared the winner.

outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

synonym : excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

educator

n. a person who teaches or educates people

synonym : teacher, instructor, lecturer

(1) business **educator**, (2) duty as an **educator**

She is an **educator** with progressive ideas.

reluctant

adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears

synonym : hesitant, unwilling, unenthusiastic

(1) slowly becoming more **reluctant**, (2) **reluctant** readers

He was **reluctant** to share his thoughts on the matter.

reaction

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

synonym : response, reply, answer

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

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

cow

n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

synonym : bovine, cattle, kine

(1) **cow** herd, (2) dairy **cow**

The farmer milked the **cows** every morning before breakfast.

grill

n. a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill

synonym : barbecue, broiler, griddle

(1) gas **grill**, (2) **grill** a steak

The restaurant is famous for its **grill**, where they serve the best steaks.

vegetarian

n. a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons

(1) eat a **vegetarian** diet, (2) a strict **vegetarian**

This restaurant has **vegetarian** dishes as well.

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

synonym : dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

dairy

n. a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese

synonym : creamery, farm

(1) low-fat **dairy**, (2) imported **dairy** product

The **dairy** industry is a significant contributor to the economy.

eclectic

adj. deriving ideas, styles, or features from a diverse range of sources; representing a broad or diverse range of ideas or interests

synonym : diverse, assorted, varied

(1) **eclectic** style, (2) **eclectic** approach

Her **eclectic** taste in music ranges from classical to hip-hop.

pantry

n. a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner

synonym : larder, store, cupboard

(1) **pantry** items, (2) kitchen **pantry**

I need to clean out the **pantry** and throw away any expired food.

indigo

adj. a deep blue or purple-blue color; also, the plant that yields Indigo dye

synonym : blue, purplish-blue, violet-blue

(1) **indigo** fabric, (2) **indigo** plant

The **indigo** dye made the fabric a beautiful shade of blue.

fancy

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

synonym : imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**

I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

dessert

n. a sweet food served as the last course of a meal
synonym : sweet, cake, confection

(1) **dessert** knife, (2) easy **dessert** recipe

Let's go to an all-you-can-eat **dessert** restaurant.

seaweed

n. a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

synonym : kelp, algae

(1) floating **seaweed**, (2) **seaweed** broth

She soaked **seaweed** in water until tender.

mimosa

n. a cocktail typically made with champagne and orange juice; a plant with delicate, fern-like leaves and fluffy pink or yellow flowers

synonym : cocktail, drink

(1) **mimosa** tree, (2) **mimosa** cocktail

The wedding reception was decorated with delicate white roses and yellow **mimosa** arrangements.

puffball

n. a type of mushroom that produces spores inside of a spherical fruiting body; when mature, the fruiting body breaks open and releases the spores

synonym : balloon, mushroom, toadstool

(1) **puffball** spores, (2) dry **puffball**

While on a nature walk, I stumbled upon a small white **puffball** mushroom growing in the grass.

identify

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

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

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

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

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal
The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

dandelion

n. a common weed with a bright yellow flower and deeply notched leaves that is often seen growing in lawns and other grassy areas; its leaves can be eaten as a salad green, and its roots are sometimes used in herbal medicine

synonym : blowball

(1) **dandelion** root, (2) **dandelion** tea

In the summer, fields are filled with yellow **dandelion** flowers.

sorrel

n. a plant with sour-tasting leaves often used in salads and soups; its leaves are generally green and have a lemon-like flavor; (of chemistry) a type of acid, specifically oxalic acid. It is a colorless, crystalline solid that is highly soluble in water and has a sour taste

synonym : sour grass, roselle

(1) **sorrel** soup, (2) salt of **sorrel**

The **sorrel** leaves gave the salad a tangy flavor.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym : praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

lawn

n. a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics

synonym : yard, grass, meadow

(1) **lawn** mower, (2) lush **lawn**

The family enjoyed a picnic on the **lawn** in the park.

veggie

adj. (short for vegetarian) relating to or consisting of vegetables

synonym : vegetarian, herbivorous, plant-based

(1) **veggie** omelet, (2) **veggie** dip

I prefer to eat **veggie** burgers instead of traditional meat burgers.

fungus

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym : mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

counterpart

n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

synonym : equivalent, analogue, match

(1) **counterpart** agreement, (2) negotiating **counterpart**

His **counterpart** in the other company is responsible for marketing.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

synonym : foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**

I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

cute

adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

synonym : attractive, charming, adorable

(1) act **cute**, (2) super **cute** dress

The baby's chubby cheeks and big eyes made her look so **cute**.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym: raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

nutrition

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

synonym: alimentation, nourishment, sustenance

(1) **nutrition** condition, (2) **nutrition** intake

This food contains all the **nutrition** your dog requires.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym: snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

summertime

n. the season of summer

(1) **summertime** fun, (2) during the **summertime**

The **summertime** heat can be intense, so it's important to stay hydrated and wear sunscreen.

chock-full

adj. completely filled or crowded with something; having no space or room for additional things

synonym: full, crowded, jam-packed

(1) **chock-full** schedule, (2) **chock-full** of flavor

The picnic basket was **chock-full** of sandwiches, fruit, and drinks.

vitamin

n. any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body

synonym : nutrient, micronutrient, dietary supplement

(1) rich in **vitamin D**, (2) **vitamin** deficiency

Vitamin C is important for immune system function and skin health.

immune

adj. protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

synonym : resistant, unsusceptible, unaffected

(1) **immune** from criminal prosecution, (2) the cell of the **immune** system

The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely **immune**.

baffle

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

synonym : perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises

The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym : dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

skepticism

n. an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will

happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge

synonym : distrust, doubt, suspicion

(1) natural **skepticism**, (2) **skepticism** toward bureaucracy

This party expresses **skepticism** about the efficacy of the health insurance system.

tip

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

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

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

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

expand

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

synonym : extend, grow, boost

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

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

palette

n. a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art

synonym : board, plate, color chart

(1) **palette** knife, (2) **palette** art

The artist selected colors from her **palette** to paint a beautiful landscape.

consensus

n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

synonym : agreement, accord, harmony

(1) a public **consensus**, (2) **consensus** among scientists

The two parties have reached a **consensus**.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils
He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury
Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

lovable

adj. deserving or inspiring love and affection

synonym: adorable, charming, dear

(1) **lovable** personality, (2) a **lovable** creature
The little puppy was **lovable** and had a playful personality.

ingredient

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

synonym: element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**
Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

saltiness

n. the quality or state of being salty

(1) the taste of **saltiness**, (2) enhance the **saltiness**
She tasted the dish and detected a slight **saltiness**.

kelp

n. a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters

synonym: seaweed, marine algae

(1) **kelp** forest, (2) giant **kelp**
The coast was lined with beds of **kelp** swaying in the tide.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym: flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**
We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

woo

v. to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

synonym : court, pursue, charm

(1) **woo** consumers, (2) **woo** voters with promises

He tried to **woo** her with his charm and wit.

pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym : articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

notch

n. a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison

synonym : groove, slit, incision

(1) top- **notch** service, (2) score a **notch**

The cake was decorated with a **notch** to represent the birthday boy's age.

bull

n. a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

synonym : bovine, cattle, bruiser

(1) **bull** market, (2) **bull** fighter

The farmer raised a **bull** on his ranch for breeding purposes.

shear

v. to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting

parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal

synonym : clip, cut, crop

(1) **shear** a hedge, (2) **shear** force

I need to **shear** the wool off of the sheep before winter.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym : doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

association

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

synonym : affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**

His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

spritz

v. to spray or moisten something lightly with a fine mist or spray of liquid, often for refreshing, cooling, or adding flavor

synonym : spray, douse, mist

(1) **spritz** perfume, (2) **spritz** with water

The bartender will **spritz** the drink with sparkling water for a refreshing twist.

sunflower

n. a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes

synonym : helianthus

(1) **sunflower** oil, (2) **sunflower** field

The **sunflower** seeds can be roasted and eaten as a snack.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

fertilizer

n. a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

synonym : manure

(1) a chemical **fertilizer**, (2) nonsynthetic **fertilizer**

Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of **fertilizers**.

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

oxygen

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

(1) the hydrogen binds the **oxygen**, (2) lack of **oxygen**
The passenger grabbed for the **oxygen** mask.

amino

n. compounds and functional groups that contain a basic nitrogen atom with a lone pair (NH₂) that combine to make protein

(1) **amino** compound, (2) **amino** acid

This company was granted a patent for its **amino** resin manufacturing process.

acid

n. sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials

synonym: sour

(1) an **acid** reaction, (2) good source of essential amino **acids**

During pregnancy, the stomach generates less **acid** than usual.

future-minded

adj. having an orientation towards or an interest in anticipating or planning for the future; forward-looking

synonym: forward-thinking, visionary, futuristic

(1) **future-minded** approach, (2) **future-minded** policies

The **future-minded** mindset of the young generation is necessary for creating a better world.

runoff

n. the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome

synonym: drainage, overspill, overflow

(1) agricultural **runoff**, (2) primary **runoff** election

Industrial **runoff** and wind-blown debris are prime examples of pollution.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a

country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym : toil, moil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

monoculture

n. the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area

synonym : single crop, uniform, homogenous

(1) **monoculture** strategy, (2) corn **monoculture**

Monoculture farming can also increase the risk of pests and diseases, as the lack of diversity makes it easier for these organisms to spread and cause harm to the crop.

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

synonym : epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym : farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

umami

n. a taste sensation that is often described as savory, meaty, or brothy; one of the five basic tastes, along with sweet, sour, salty, and bitter

synonym : savory, delicious, meaty

(1) **umami** enhancer, (2) **umami** flavor

Japanese food lovers appreciate the **umami** taste of miso soup.

protein

n. a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues

(1) stress **protein**, (2) **protein** synthesis

The body needs a certain amount of **protein** to build and repair tissues.

accidentally

adv. by chance or without planning

synonym: by chance, unintentionally, unwittingly

(1) they met **accidentally**, (2) **accidentally** coincide

He was **accidentally** killed by friendly fire.

recipe

n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

synonym: instructions, formula, method

(1) **recipe** book, (2) **recipe** collection

The **recipe** for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

spicy

adj. having a strong, pungent flavor or aroma, typically as a result of containing spices; exciting or thrilling

synonym: hot, fiery, piquant

(1) **spicy** appetizer, (2) **spicy** story

She added **spicy** peppers to the dish.

touchy

adj. easily offended or upset, or sensitive

synonym : sensitive, easily offended

(1) **touchy** subject, (2) a little **touchy** personality

The **touchy** situation required careful handling to avoid further conflict.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym : continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

precedent

n. a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future

synonym : example, model, pattern

(1) break with **precedent**, (2) a bad **precedent**

The court used previous **precedents** to make its decision.

rind

n. the tough outer layer of something, such as a fruit or cheese; a strip or ring of the outer skin, covering, or layer on an object

synonym : peel, skin, husk

(1) orange **rind**, (2) cheese **rind**

The cheese had a thick **rind** that needed to be removed before eating.

convenience

n. the state of being suitable or opportune

synonym : availability, usefulness, amenity

(1) **convenience** goods, (2) for **convenience** sake
They offered the **convenience** of an installment plan.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym: nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids
The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

sham

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

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

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

infographic

n. a visual representation of information or data often used to present complicated or complex concepts in a simple and understandable way

(1) **infographic** design, (2) **infographic** presentation
The company shared an impressive **infographic** about its annual profits.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym: startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation
The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym: gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**
The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym : prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

synonym : pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident

His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

gutsy

adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

synonym : courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

acorn

n. the fruit of an oak tree; a small, hard-shelled nut that is a traditional symbol of autumn and is often eaten by animals

synonym : seed, nut, mast

(1) **acorn** woodpecker, (2) **acorn** squash

The squirrel gathered **acorns** to prepare for the winter months.

crunch

n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

synonym : crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

Session 2: Spelling

1. inf_____ic design
n. a visual representation of information or data often used to present complicated or complex concepts in a simple and understandable way
2. the t_p of a paintbrush
n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
3. re___e book
n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
4. re_____nt readers
adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
5. l__n mower
n. a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
6. sh__r force
v. to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal
7. self-int_____ion
n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 1. infographic, 2. tip, 3. recipe, 4. reluctant, 5. lawn, 6. shear, 7. introduction

8. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
9. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
10. w_o consumers *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
11. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
12. ve__n lifestyle *n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
13. an_____ng habit *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
14. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
15. fo___r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
16. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
17. salt of so___l *n.* a plant with sour-tasting leaves often used in salads and soups; its leaves are generally green and have a lemon-like flavor; (of chemistry) a type of acid, specifically oxalic acid. It is a colorless, crystalline solid that is highly soluble in water and has a sour taste

ANSWERS: 8. convinced, 9. conversation, 10. woo, 11. pace, 12. vegan, 13. annoying, 14. reaction, 15. foster, 16. sustainable, 17. sorrel

18. non_____ent resources *adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence
19. ve___e dip *adj.* (short for vegetarian) relating to or consisting of vegetables
20. nu_____on intake *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
21. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
22. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
23. the early inh_____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
24. ec_____ic approach *adj.* deriving ideas, styles, or features from a diverse range of sources; representing a broad or diverse range of ideas or interests
25. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
26. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
27. fut_____ded approach *adj.* having an orientation towards or an interest in anticipating or planning for the future; forward-looking
28. b__l market *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

ANSWERS: 18. non-existent, 19. veggie, 20. nutrition, 21. skeptical, 22. chip, 23. inhabitant, 24. eclectic, 25. ecosystem, 26. brain, 27. future-minded, 28. bull

29. a bad pr_____nt
n. a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
30. di_____y restrictions
adj. relating to or affecting the way that a person eats or the specific foods that they consume
31. duty as an ed_____or
n. a person who teaches or educates people
32. slowly becoming more re_____nt
adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
33. a gas cr____h
n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
34. da_____on tea
n. a common weed with a bright yellow flower and deeply notched leaves that is often seen growing in lawns and other grassy areas; its leaves can be eaten as a salad green, and its roots are sometimes used in herbal medicine
35. the ul_____te luxury
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
36. acc_____lly coincide
adv. by chance or without planning
37. pu_____ll spores
n. a type of mushroom that produces spores inside of a spherical fruiting body; when mature, the fruiting body breaks open and releases the spores
38. an_____ng banner ad
adj. making someone feel slightly angry
39. int_____ge of ideas
n. an exchange of one thing for another, often involving a replacement or substitution; a meeting or intersection of two or more roads or routes

ANSWERS: 29. precedent, 30. dietary, 31. educator, 32. reluctant, 33. crunch, 34. dandelion, 35. ultimate, 36. accidentally, 37. puffball, 38. annoying, 39. interchange

40. gr__l a steak *n.* a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill
41. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
42. ba___e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
43. da_____on root *n.* a common weed with a bright yellow flower and deeply notched leaves that is often seen growing in lawns and other grassy areas; its leaves can be eaten as a salad green, and its roots are sometimes used in herbal medicine
44. ou__o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
45. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
46. for con_____ce sake *n.* the state of being suitable or opportune
47. con_____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
48. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 40. grill, 41. planet, 42. baffle, 43. dandelion, 44. outdo, 45. crack, 46. convenience, 47. congratulation, 48. sham

49. fo___r two kids *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
50. cho_____ll of flavor *adj.* completely filled or crowded with something; having no space or room for additional things
51. symbiotic fu___s *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
52. stress pr_____n *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
53. presently non_____ent *adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence
54. pr_____n synthesis *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
55. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
56. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
57. in___o fabric *adj.* a deep blue or purple-blue color; also, the plant that yields Indigo dye

ANSWERS: 49. foster, 50. chock-full, 51. fungus, 52. protein, 53. non-existent, 54. protein, 55. necessarily, 56. sham, 57. indigo

58. vi____n deficiency *n.* any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body
59. good source of essential amino a__ds *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
60. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
61. ex__d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
62. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
63. the taste of sa_____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
64. fa__y a cup of coffee *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
65. deadly pl__e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

ANSWERS: 58. vitamin, 59. acid, 60. breed, 61. expand, 62. labor, 63. saltiness, 64. fancy, 65. plague

66. 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
67. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
68. corn mon_____re *n.* the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area
69. dry pu_____ll *n.* a type of mushroom that produces spores inside of a spherical fruiting body; when mature, the fruiting body breaks open and releases the spores
70. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
71. re___e collection *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
72. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
73. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
74. dairy c_w *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
75. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
76. cho_____ll schedule *adj.* completely filled or crowded with something; having no space or room for additional things

ANSWERS: 66. spot, 67. breed, 68. monoculture, 69. puffball, 70. bunch, 71. recipe, 72. exciting, 73. identify, 74. cow, 75. skeptical, 76. chock-full

77. the ze_____st of the era *n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
78. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
79. a scholarship ass_____on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
80. cultural ze_____st *n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
81. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
82. business ed_____or *n.* a person who teaches or educates people
83. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
84. 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: 77. zeitgeist, 78. tip, 79. association, 80. zeitgeist, 81. diet, 82. educator, 83. modern, 84. spot

85. ba___e his plan *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
86. tu___e over territory *v.* to fight or struggle in a confused way, especially to get something; (noun) a vigorous struggle or scuffle, typically to obtain or achieve something
87. ec____ic style *adj.* deriving ideas, styles, or features from a diverse range of sources; representing a broad or diverse range of ideas or interests
88. am____m alloy *n.* an alloy of mercury with another metal, used especially to fill holes in teeth; a mixture or combination of diverse things
89. im___e from criminal prosecution *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
90. su____er field *n.* a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes
91. in___o plant *adj.* a deep blue or purple-blue color; also, the plant that yields Indigo dye
92. orange r__d *n.* the tough outer layer of something, such as a fruit or cheese; a strip or ring of the outer skin, covering, or layer on an object
93. app____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 85. baffle, 86. tussle, 87. eclectic, 88. amalgam, 89. immune, 90. sunflower, 91. indigo, 92. rind, 93. appreciate

94. negotiating cou_____rt *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
95. pr_____e page *n.* an introduction or preliminary statement, particularly to a book or other written work, that provides context or sets out the author's purpose or perspective
96. word ass_____ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
97. b__l fighter *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
98. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
99. nonsynthetic fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
100. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
101. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
102. cheese r__d *n.* the tough outer layer of something, such as a fruit or cheese; a strip or ring of the outer skin, covering, or layer on an object

ANSWERS: 94. counterpart, 95. preface, 96. association, 97. bull, 98. necessarily, 99. fertilizer, 100. inhabitant, 101. historic, 102. rind

103. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
104. cou_____rt agreement *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
105. have a tu___e with a person *v.* to fight or struggle in a confused way, especially to get something; (noun) a vigorous struggle or scuffle, typically to obtain or achieve something
106. sum_____me fun *n.* the season of summer
107. they met acc_____lly *adv.* by chance or without planning
108. book pr_____e *n.* an introduction or preliminary statement, particularly to a book or other written work, that provides context or sets out the author's purpose or perspective
109. co_____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
110. a lo_____e creature *adj.* deserving or inspiring love and affection
111. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
112. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
113. inf_____ic presentation *n.* a visual representation of information or data often used to present complicated or complex concepts in a simple and understandable way

ANSWERS: 103. pretension, 104. counterpart, 105. tussle, 106. summertime, 107. accidentally, 108. preface, 109. conjure, 110. lovable, 111. exciting, 112. reaction, 113. infographic

114. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
115. int_____ge station *n.* an exchange of one thing for another, often involving a replacement or substitution; a meeting or intersection of two or more roads or routes
116. pa___y items *n.* a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner
117. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
118. primary ru___f election *n.* the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome
119. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
120. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
121. ex___d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
122. pr_____ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
123. sp___y appetizer *adj.* having a strong, pungent flavor or aroma, typically as a result of containing spices; exciting or thrilling

ANSWERS: 114. congratulation, 115. interchange, 116. pantry, 117. agriculture, 118. runoff, 119. slightly, 120. expand, 121. extend, 122. pronounce, 123. spicy

124. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
125. a strict veg_____an *n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
126. am__o acid *n.* compounds and functional groups that contain a basic nitrogen atom with a lone pair (NH₂) that combine to make protein
127. sp___z perfume *v.* to spray or moisten something lightly with a fine mist or spray of liquid, often for refreshing, cooling, or adding flavor
128. catch the pl___e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
129. a chemical fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
130. low-fat da__y *n.* a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese
131. um__i enhancer *n.* a taste sensation that is often described as savory, meaty, or brothy; one of the five basic tastes, along with sweet, sour, salty, and bitter

ANSWERS: 124. introduction, 125. vegetarian, 126. amino, 127. spritz, 128. plague, 129. fertilizer, 130. dairy, 131. umami

132. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
133. sus____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
134. kitchen pa____y *n.* a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner
135. increase sl____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
136. giant k__p *n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
137. a con____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
138. score a no__h *n.* a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison
139. feel com____on for the poor *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
140. pl____e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
141. con____ce goods *n.* the state of being suitable or opportune
142. ac__n woodpecker *n.* the fruit of an oak tree; a small, hard-shelled nut that is a traditional symbol of autumn and is often eaten by animals

ANSWERS: 132. ultimate, 133. sustainable, 134. pantry, 135. slightly, 136. kelp, 137. constantly, 138. notch, 139. compassion, 140. plunge, 141. convenience, 142. acorn

143. floating se____d *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
144. lack of ox____n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
145. um__i flavor *n.* a taste sensation that is often described as savory, meaty, or brothy; one of the five basic tastes, along with sweet, sour, salty, and bitter
146. ac__n squash *n.* the fruit of an oak tree; a small, hard-shelled nut that is a traditional symbol of autumn and is often eaten by animals
147. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
148. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
149. compound the ing____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
150. so____l soup *n.* a plant with sour-tasting leaves often used in salads and soups; its leaves are generally green and have a lemon-like flavor; (of chemistry) a type of acid, specifically oxalic acid. It is a colorless, crystalline solid that is highly soluble in water and has a sour taste
151. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 143. seaweed, 144. oxygen, 145. umami, 146. acorn, 147. historic, 148. obsess, 149. ingredient, 150. sorrel, 151. planet

152. have com_____on toward the accident
n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
153. financial cr___h
n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
154. I don't care a c__p
n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
155. pl___e a dagger through his heart
v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
156. co_____ed criminal
adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
157. k__p forest
n. a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
158. con_____ion in English
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
159. seasonal la__r
n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
160. run a gr_____y
n. a shop that sells food and other household items
161. super c__e dress
adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

ANSWERS: 152. compassion, 153. crunch, 154. chip, 155. plunge, 156. convinced, 157. kelp, 158. conversation, 159. labor, 160. grocery, 161. cute

162. se____d broth *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
163. top-no__h service *n.* a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison
164. a little to___y personality *adj.* easily offended or upset, or sensitive
165. raw food ve__n *n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
166. a flight of fa__y *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
167. an a__d reaction *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
168. gu__y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
169. pa_____e art *n.* a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art
170. pr_____ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

ANSWERS: 162. seaweed, 163. notch, 164. touchy, 165. vegan, 166. fancy, 167. acid, 168. gutsy, 169. palette, 170. pronounce

171. sp__y story *adj.* having a strong, pungent flavor or aroma, typically as a result of containing spices; exciting or thrilling
172. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
173. su_____er oil *n.* a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes
174. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
175. co_____us among scientists *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
176. sp___z with water *v.* to spray or moisten something lightly with a fine mist or spray of liquid, often for refreshing, cooling, or adding flavor
177. nu_____on condition *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
178. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
179. di_____y supplement *adj.* relating to or affecting the way that a person eats or the specific foods that they consume

ANSWERS: 171. spicy, 172. diet, 173. sunflower, 174. ecosystem, 175. consensus, 176. spritz, 177. nutrition, 178. pretension, 179. dietary

180. the ar_____nt against capital punishment
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
181. w_o voters with promises
v. to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
182. write him an answer imm_____ly
adv. now or without delay
183. enhance the sa_____ss
n. the quality or state of being salty
184. break with pr_____nt
n. a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
185. ou__o the competition
v. to do better than someone; to surpass
186. eat a veg_____an diet
n. a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
187. to___y subject
adj. easily offended or upset, or sensitive
188. a blazing ar_____nt
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
189. the gr_____y business
n. a shop that sells food and other household items
190. ex___d a line
v. to broaden in scope, range, or area
191. sh_____ng revelation
adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

ANSWERS: 180. argument, 181. woo, 182. immediately, 183. saltiness, 184. precedent, 185. outdo, 186. vegetarian, 187. touchy, 188. argument, 189. grocery, 190. extend, 191. shocking

192. mi___a cocktail *n.* a cocktail typically made with champagne and orange juice; a plant with delicate, fern-like leaves and fluffy pink or yellow flowers
193. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
194. a public co_____us *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
195. the runner's p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
196. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
197. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
198. ve___e omelet *adj.* (short for vegetarian) relating to or consisting of vegetables
199. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
200. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
201. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
202. gu__y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

ANSWERS: 192. mimosa, 193. crack, 194. consensus, 195. pace, 196. brain, 197. constantly, 198. veggie, 199. immediately, 200. obsess, 201. agriculture, 202. gutsy

203. am__o compound *n.* compounds and functional groups that contain a basic nitrogen atom with a lone pair (NH₂) that combine to make protein
204. the hydrogen binds the ox___n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
205. fu___s infection *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
206. lush l__n *n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
207. easy de_____t recipe *n.* a sweet food served as the last course of a meal
208. secret ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
209. rich in vi_____n D *n.* any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body
210. an am_____m of hope and fear *n.* an alloy of mercury with another metal, used especially to fill holes in teeth; a mixture or combination of diverse things
211. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 203. amino, 204. oxygen, 205. fungus, 206. lawn, 207. dessert, 208. ingredient, 209. vitamin, 210. amalgam, 211. appreciate

212. sh____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
213. imported da__y product *n.* a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese
214. ske_____sm toward bureaucracy *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
215. lo_____e personality *adj.* deserving or inspiring love and affection
216. mi___a tree *n.* a cocktail typically made with champagne and orange juice; a plant with delicate, fern-like leaves and fluffy pink or yellow flowers
217. agricultural ru___f *n.* the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome
218. sh__r a hedge *v.* to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal
219. de_____t knife *n.* a sweet food served as the last course of a meal

ANSWERS: 212. shocking, 213. dairy, 214. skepticism, 215. lovable, 216. mimosa, 217. runoff, 218. shear, 219. dessert

220. mon_____re strategy *n.* the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area
221. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
222. the cell of the im___e system *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
223. act c__e *adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way
224. fut_____ded policies *adj.* having an orientation towards or an interest in anticipating or planning for the future; forward-looking
225. natural ske_____sm *n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
226. pa_____e knife *n.* a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art
227. c_w herd *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
228. during the sum_____me *n.* the season of summer
229. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
230. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

ANSWERS: 220. monoculture, 221. bunch, 222. immune, 223. cute, 224. future-minded, 225. skepticism, 226. palette, 227. cow, 228. summertime, 229. modern, 230. identify

231. co____e evil spirits away

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

232. gas gr__l

n. a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill

ANSWERS: 231. conjure, 232. grill

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.
v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

2. The paradox _____ most philosophers.
v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

3. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

4. The political speech resonated with the _____ of national unity and cooperation.
n. the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

5. The coast was lined with beds of _____ swaying in the tide.
n. a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters

6. Let's go to an all-you-can-eat _____ restaurant.
n. a sweet food served as the last course of a meal

7. The court used previous _____ to make its decision.
n. a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future

ANSWERS: 1. plunged, 2. baffled, 3. modern, 4. zeitgeist, 5. kelp, 6. dessert, 7. precedents

8. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
9. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.
adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
10. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
11. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
12. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
13. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.
v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
14. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.
n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
15. The little puppy was _____ and had a playful personality.
adj. deserving or inspiring love and affection

ANSWERS: 8. sham, 9. convinced, 10. labor, 11. bunch, 12. expand, 13. breeds, 14. tips, 15. lovable

16. This restaurant has _____ dishes as well.
- n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
17. The menu at the restaurant includes many _____ options for those with food restrictions.
- adj.* relating to or affecting the way that a person eats or the specific foods that they consume
18. The two parties have reached a _____.
- n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
19. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
20. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.
- n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
21. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
22. The _____ mindset of the young generation is necessary for creating a better world.
- adj.* having an orientation towards or an interest in anticipating or planning for the future; forward-looking
23. He was _____ killed by friendly fire.
- adv.* by chance or without planning

ANSWERS: 16. vegetarian, 17. dietary, 18. consensus, 19. identify, 20. pace, 21. brain, 22. future-minded, 23. accidentally

24. The phone call is an _____ interruption.

adj. making someone feel slightly angry

25. He was _____ to share his thoughts on the matter.

adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears

26. I need to clean out the _____ and throw away any expired food.

n. a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner

27. I don't _____ acting in such an important role.

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

28. Certain types of _____ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

29. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

30. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

31. I prefer to eat _____ burgers instead of traditional meat burgers.

adj. (short for vegetarian) relating to or consisting of vegetables

ANSWERS: 24. annoying, 25. reluctant, 26. pantry, 27. fancy, 28. fungus, 29. slightly, 30. immediately, 31. veggie

32. _____ farming can also increase the risk of pests and diseases, as the lack of diversity makes it easier for these organisms to spread and cause harm to the crop.
- n.* the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area
33. The artist selected colors from her _____ to paint a beautiful landscape.
- n.* a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art
34. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
- adv.* all the time
35. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.
- v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
36. They offered the _____ of an installment plan.
- n.* the state of being suitable or opportune
37. The _____ dye made the fabric a beautiful shade of blue.
- adj.* a deep blue or purple-blue color; also, the plant that yields Indigo dye
38. The baby's chubby cheeks and big eyes made her look so _____.
- adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way
39. While on a nature walk, I stumbled upon a small white _____ mushroom growing in the grass.
- n.* a type of mushroom that produces spores inside of a spherical fruiting body; when mature, the fruiting body breaks open and releases the spores

ANSWERS: 32. Monoculture, 33. palette, 34. constantly, 35. conjured, 36. convenience, 37. indigo, 38. cute, 39. puffball

40. He tried to _____ his rival by breaking the world record.
- v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
41. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.
- n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
42. The squirrel gathered _____ to prepare for the winter months.
- n.* the fruit of an oak tree; a small, hard-shelled nut that is a traditional symbol of autumn and is often eaten by animals
43. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.
- n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
44. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.
- v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
45. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
46. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
47. The _____ heat can be intense, so it's important to stay hydrated and wear sunscreen.
- n.* the season of summer

ANSWERS: 40. outdo, 41. grocery, 42. acorns, 43. ecosystem, 44. fostering, 45. obsessed, 46. pretensions, 47. summertime

48. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

49. This food contains all the _____ your dog requires.

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

50. Greed is the primary _____ in the making of criminals.

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

51. The picnic basket was _____ of sandwiches, fruit, and drinks.

adj. completely filled or crowded with something; having no space or room for additional things

52. The _____ diet is based on plant-based foods.

n. a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons

53. The _____ situation required careful handling to avoid further conflict.

adj. easily offended or upset, or sensitive

54. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

55. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

ANSWERS: 48. extend, 49. nutrition, 50. ingredient, 51. chock-full, 52. vegan, 53. touchy, 54. inhabitant, 55. chip

56. The family enjoyed a picnic on the _____ in the park.
- n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
57. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
- n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
58. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
59. He tried to ____ her with his charm and wit.
- v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
60. This company was granted a patent for its _____ resin manufacturing process.
- n.* compounds and functional groups that contain a basic nitrogen atom with a lone pair (NH₂) that combine to make protein
61. The _____ leaves gave the salad a tangy flavor.
- n.* a plant with sour-tasting leaves often used in salads and soups; its leaves are generally green and have a lemon-like flavor; (of chemistry) a type of acid, specifically oxalic acid. It is a colorless, crystalline solid that is highly soluble in water and has a sour taste
62. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 56. lawn, 57. reaction, 58. planet, 59. woo, 60. amino, 61. sorrel, 62. conversation

63. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.
- n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
64. Her _____ taste in music ranges from classical to hip-hop.
- adj.* deriving ideas, styles, or features from a diverse range of sources; representing a broad or diverse range of ideas or interests
65. This party expresses _____ about the efficacy of the health insurance system.
- n.* an attitude of doubting or questioning that claims or statements are true or valuable or that something will happen; the disbelief in any claims of ultimate knowledge
66. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.
- n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
67. The cake was decorated with a _____ to represent the birthday boy's age.
- n.* a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison
68. She struggled to _____ the word in a foreign language.
- v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
69. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
70. The _____ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.
- n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

ANSWERS: 63. plague, 64. eclectic, 65. skepticism, 66. compassion, 67. notch, 68. pronounce, 69. exciting, 70. recipe

71. The passenger grabbed for the _____ mask.
- n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
72. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.
- adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
73. The farmer raised a _____ on his ranch for breeding purposes.
- n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
74. The company shared an impressive _____ about its annual profits.
- n.* a visual representation of information or data often used to present complicated or complex concepts in a simple and understandable way
75. The bartender will _____ the drink with sparkling water for a refreshing twist.
- v.* to spray or moisten something lightly with a fine mist or spray of liquid, often for refreshing, cooling, or adding flavor
76. I need to _____ the wool off of the sheep before winter.
- v.* to cut or trim with scissors or shears; to remove something by cutting or tearing it away from something else; to become severed or split apart by force acting parallel to the plane of a surface; (noun) a cutting tool used to trim or cut materials such as fabric, hair, or metal
77. 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
78. His theory is an _____ of earlier ideas.
- n.* an alloy of mercury with another metal, used especially to fill holes in teeth; a mixture or combination of diverse things

ANSWERS: 71. oxygen, 72. skeptical, 73. bull, 74. infographic, 75. spritz, 76. shear, 77. spot, 78. amalgam

79. In the summer, fields are filled with yellow _____ flowers.
- n.* a common weed with a bright yellow flower and deeply notched leaves that is often seen growing in lawns and other grassy areas; its leaves can be eaten as a salad green, and its roots are sometimes used in herbal medicine
80. The wedding reception was decorated with delicate white roses and yellow _____ arrangements.
- n.* a cocktail typically made with champagne and orange juice; a plant with delicate, fern-like leaves and fluffy pink or yellow flowers
81. Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of _____.
- n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
82. This accident was something that happened _____.
- adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
83. She is an _____ with progressive ideas.
- n.* a person who teaches or educates people
84. The two wrestlers _____ on the mat for several minutes before one was declared the winner.
- v.* to fight or struggle in a confused way, especially to get something; (noun) a vigorous struggle or scuffle, typically to obtain or achieve something
85. The _____ industry is a significant contributor to the economy.
- n.* a room, building, or establishment where milk and milk products are produced and processed; milk and milk products, such as butter and cheese

ANSWERS: 79. dandelion, 80. mimosa, 81. fertilizers, 82. necessarily, 83. educator, 84. tussled, 85. dairy

86. The author wrote a powerful _____ explaining their motivation for writing the book.
- n.* an introduction or preliminary statement, particularly to a book or other written work, that provides context or sets out the author's purpose or perspective
87. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
- n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
88. She soaked _____ in water until tender.
- n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
89. The highway had a dangerous _____ where accidents were common.
- n.* an exchange of one thing for another, often involving a replacement or substitution; a meeting or intersection of two or more roads or routes
90. The body needs a certain amount of _____ to build and repair tissues.
- n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
91. The farmer milked the _____ every morning before breakfast.
- n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
92. The evidence for this theory is _____.
- adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence
93. During pregnancy, the stomach generates less _____ than usual.
- n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials

ANSWERS: 86. preface, 87. Agriculture, 88. seaweed, 89. interchange, 90. protein, 91. cows, 92. non-existent, 93. acid

94. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.
- n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
95. The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely _____.
- adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
96. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
97. The _____ of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.
- n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
98. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.
- adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
99. It was _____ to quit her job and start her own business.
- adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
100. She tasted the dish and detected a slight _____.
- n.* the quality or state of being salty
101. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.
- n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

ANSWERS: 94. congratulations, 95. immune, 96. historic, 97. crunch, 98. shocking, 99. gutsy, 100. saltiness, 101. diet

102. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.
n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
103. The cheese had a thick _____ that needed to be removed before eating.
n. the tough outer layer of something, such as a fruit or cheese; a strip or ring of the outer skin, covering, or layer on an object
104. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
105. The _____ seeds can be roasted and eaten as a snack.
n. a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes
106. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time
107. Japanese food lovers appreciate the _____ taste of miso soup.
n. a taste sensation that is often described as savory, meaty, or brothy; one of the five basic tastes, along with sweet, sour, salty, and bitter
108. The restaurant is famous for its _____ where they serve the best steaks.
n. a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill
109. His _____ in the other company is responsible for marketing.
n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

ANSWERS: 102. association, 103. rind, 104. ultimate, 105. sunflower, 106. sustainable, 107. umami, 108. grill, 109. counterpart

110. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

- v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

111. We would _____ an early reply.

- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

112. She added _____ peppers to the dish.

- adj.* having a strong, pungent flavor or aroma, typically as a result of containing spices; exciting or thrilling

113. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

114. _____ C is important for immune system function and skin health.

- n.* any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body

115. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

116. Industrial _____ and wind-blown debris are prime examples of pollution.

- n.* the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome

ANSWERS: 110. crack, 111. appreciate, 112. spicy, 113. argument, 114. Vitamin, 115. introduction, 116. runoff

ANSWERS: