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Session 1: Word List

comic

adj. funny and making you laugh

synonym: amusing, funny, humorous

(1) **comic** books, (2) a **comic** hat

The novel is **comic** and tragic.

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym: remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

lockdown

n. an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19

(1) go on **lockdown**, (2) **lockdown** area

The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide **lockdown** measure.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym: pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

crush

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

synonym: destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt

The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

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.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym: by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

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.

scroll

n. a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

synonym : manuscript, document, parchment

(1) roll up a **scroll**, (2) **scroll** through a document

The house owner loved the large hanging **scroll** in the guest room.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym : sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

stalk

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym : follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym : relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

hike

n. a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost

synonym : walk, trek, excursion

(1) go on a **hike**, (2) a **hike** in prices

The family decided to **hike** in the mountains to enjoy the

beautiful scenery.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**
He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

polish

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

synonym : shine, buff, gloss

(1) **polish** finishing, (2) surface **polish**
I used a special **polish** to make my car's paint shine.

approximately

adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

synonym : about, around, roughly

(1) **approximately** 3 feet long, (2) **approximately** same
This trail takes **approximately** 2.5 hours.

clutch

v. to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly

synonym : grip, hold, grab

(1) **clutch** at any straw, (2) **clutched** her daughter to her breast

The boy **clutched** his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**
The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

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.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very

old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym : roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

millennial

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

synonym : thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign

Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

prognosis

n. the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments

synonym : prospect, forecast, diagnosis

(1) **prognosis** of cancer, (2) poor **prognosis**

The doctor gave a positive **prognosis** for her recovery from the illness.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme
The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

comical

adj. funny, especially in a strange or absurd way
synonym: amusing, funny, humorous

(1) a **comical** way to speaking, (2) cast **comical** eyes
He covered up his failure with **comical** laughter.

viral

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code
This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

synching

n. the process of synchronizing or coordinating two or more devices or systems so that they "play back" or operate together seamlessly; (verb, synch) to match or align timing, speed, or other parameters

synonym: synchronizing, harmonizing, aligning

(1) **synching** data, (2) **synching** devices
The pop star was accused of lip- **synching** during her concert, as many fans noticed that her mouth movements did not match the lyrics of the song.

delivery

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

synonym: sending, transporting, bringing

(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**
The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**
My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

juxtaposition

n. the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them

synonym: apposition, contrast, adjacency

(1) artistic **juxtaposition**, (2) unusual **juxtaposition**
The painting's **juxtaposition** of bright colors and dark shadows created a striking effect.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

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

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

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym: brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

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.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

tampon

n. a plug or wad of material, such as cotton or rayon that is inserted into the vagina during menstruation to absorb the menstrual flow

synonym: feminine hygiene product, sanitary pad, sanitary napkin

(1) **tampon** applicator, (2) feminine **tampon**

The **tampon** dispenser in the women's restroom was empty.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

rocket

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

synonym : projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym : line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

sausage

n. a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices

synonym : bratwurst, wurst, frankfurter

(1) beef **sausage**, (2) German **sausage**

The mother sliced off a piece of **sausage**.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym : confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

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.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

feminist

adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women;
(noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

synonym: egalitarian

(1) **feminist** movement, (2) **feminist** perspective

The **feminist** ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym: complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

tame

v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

synonym: domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless

(1) **tame** a wild beast, (2) a **tame** animal

We have to **tame** substantial financial deficits at first.

bandmate

n. a member of the same band or musical group as another person, typically someone who plays a different instrument or has a different role in the group

synonym: band member, collaborator, teammate

(1) talented **bandmate**, (2) former **bandmate**

It's important to have good communication with your **bandmates** during rehearsals and performances.

enrage

v. to make someone extremely angry

synonym: anger, incense, infuriate

(1) **enrage** the international community, (2) **enrage** critics

The news of the betrayal **enraged** him.

genre

n. a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

synonym: type, category, style

(1) **genre** of music, (2) a literary **genre**

He is known for creating **genre-busting** paintings.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

critique

n. a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation

synonym: review, analysis, appraisal

(1) a **critique** of the social system, (2) devastating **critique**

Following the **critique** from the professor, students rewrite their essays and submit them for final evaluation.

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.

elaborate

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

synonym : detailed, intricate, complicated

(1) an **elaborate** hat, (2) **elaborate** Ponzi scheme

He proposed an **elaborate** program of public works.

criticism

n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

synonym : critique, commentary, review

(1) **criticism** from the public, (2) harsh **criticism**

Constructive **criticism** is always helpful to help improving one's work.

yap

v. to talk or chat continuously, often in an annoying or high-pitched manner; to make a lot of noise or fuss about something

synonym : bark, yap, jabber

(1) **yap** loudly, (2) **yap** away for hours

He's always **yapping** about how much money he makes, but I don't believe him.

microgravity

n. a condition of feeble gravity, often experienced by objects or organisms in orbit around a planet or other celestial body, such as the International Space Station

synonym : zero gravity, weightlessness, freefall

(1) **microgravity** research, (2) **microgravity** environment

Astronauts experience the effects of **microgravity** when they are in space.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the

girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym : marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

menstruate

v. to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus

synonym : period, menstruation, menarche

(1) **menstruate** regularly, (2) failure to **menstruate**

The teenage girl began to **menstruate** last month.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym : commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

relax

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

synonym : soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home
The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

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

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

essay

n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
synonym: paper, commentary, report

(1) score the SAT **essays**, (2) thoughtful **essay**

The Chief editor checks all **essays** for plagiarism with software.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym: angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

paragraph

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

synonym: section, chapter, indentation

(1) an editorial **paragraph**, (2) first **paragraph**
Article VII, **Paragraph** 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.

unreasonable

adj. not fair, sensible, or likely to be true
synonym: unjustified, unfair, excessive

(1) **unreasonable** demand, (2) an **unreasonable** amount of money

It would be **unreasonable** for me to expect you to work overtime without any extra compensation.

vacation

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

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

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

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

delete

v. to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
synonym: erase, wipe out, remove

(1) **delete** a file, (2) **delete** this modification
Highlight the sentences that you want to **delete**.

honesty

n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

synonym: sincerity, integrity, truthfulness

(1) **honesty** policy, (2) **honesty** box

A culture of **honesty** in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomfoting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

slack

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

synonym: loose, lax, floppy

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

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

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

synonym: crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme

Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym: thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

Session 2: Spelling

1. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
2. pr_____is of cancer *n.* the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments
3. poor pr_____is *n.* the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments
4. 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
5. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
6. special de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
7. mic_____ity research *n.* a condition of feeble gravity, often experienced by objects or organisms in orbit around a planet or other celestial body, such as the International Space Station

ANSWERS: 1. tweet, 2. prognosis, 3. prognosis, 4. unfold, 5. naturally, 6. delivery, 7. microgravity

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11. fe_____st perspective *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
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13. app_____ely same *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
14. app_____ely 3 feet long *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
15. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
16. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

ANSWERS: 8. nation, 9. conversation, 10. panic, 11. feminist, 12. menstruate, 13. approximately, 14. approximately, 15. relevance, 16. quitter

17. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
18. roll up a sc___l *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
19. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
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24. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
25. en___e the international community *v.* to make someone extremely angry
26. an in___e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
27. score the SAT es__ys *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

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28. lo_____wn area *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
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34. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
35. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
36. st__k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

ANSWERS: 28. lockdown, 29. appreciate, 30. paragraph, 31. accidentally, 32. lockdown, 33. ruin, 34. doll, 35. ancient, 36. stalk

37. cl___hed her daughter to her breast *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
38. sl__k performance *adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
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43. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
44. failure to men_____te *v.* to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus
45. ta___n applicator *n.* a plug or wad of material, such as cotton or rayon that is inserted into the vagina during menstruation to absorb the menstrual flow

ANSWERS: 37. clutch, 38. slack, 39. doll, 40. millennial, 41. microgravity, 42. scenario, 43. tweet, 44. menstruate, 45. tampon

46. fe_____st movement *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
47. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
48. ho_____y policy *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
49. mil_____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
50. cross-co_____n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
51. ro_____t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
52. a fu_____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
53. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
54. sy_____ng data *n.* the process of synchronizing or coordinating two or more devices or systems so that they "play back" or operate together seamlessly; (verb, synch) to match or align timing, speed, or other parameters

ANSWERS: 46. feminist, 47. phenomenon, 48. honesty, 49. millennium, 50. cousin, 51. rocket, 52. furious, 53. impressive, 54. synching

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| 55. an imp_____ve array of facts | <i>adj.</i> arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill |
| 56. cl___h at any straw | <i>v.</i> to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly |
| 57. an easy de_____ry | <i>n.</i> the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth |
| 58. ro___t attack against the enemy | <i>n.</i> a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon |
| 59. retie the st____g and make it strong | <i>n.</i> long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads |
| 60. ho_____y box | <i>n.</i> the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles |
| 61. art cr____c | <i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc. |
| 62. historical phe_____on | <i>n.</i> something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood |
| 63. re__x at home | <i>v.</i> to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer |
| 64. become increasingly com_____ed | <i>adj.</i> involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze |
| 65. an ab_____te must | <i>adj.</i> perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible |

ANSWERS: 55. impressive, 56. clutch, 57. delivery, 58. rocket, 59. string, 60. honesty, 61. critic, 62. phenomenon, 63. relax, 64. complicated, 65. absolute

66. t__e a wild beast *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
67. artistic jux_____ion *n.* the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them
68. de___e this modification *v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
69. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
70. cr_____sm from the public *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
71. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
72. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
73. a co__c hat *adj.* funny and making you laugh
74. y_p loudly *v.* to talk or chat continuously, often in an annoying or high-pitched manner; to make a lot of noise or fuss about something

ANSWERS: 66. tame, 67. juxtaposition, 68. delete, 69. grateful, 70. criticism, 71. relevance, 72. appreciate, 73. comic, 74. yap

75. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
76. cast co____l eyes *adj.* funny, especially in a strange or absurd way
77. the mil____al reign *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
78. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
79. former ba____te *n.* a member of the same band or musical group as another person, typically someone who plays a different instrument or has a different role in the group
80. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
81. a gr____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
82. sy____ng devices *n.* the process of synchronizing or coordinating two or more devices or systems so that they "play back" or operate together seamlessly; (verb, synch) to match or align timing, speed, or other parameters
83. summer va____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
84. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

ANSWERS: 75. weird, 76. comical, 77. millennial, 78. crazy, 79. bandmate, 80. critic, 81. grateful, 82. synching, 83. vacation, 84. boom

85. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
86. go in___e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
87. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
88. de___e a file *v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
89. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
90. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
91. re__x a series of muscles *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
92. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
93. ge__e of music *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
94. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 85. naturally, 86. insane, 87. complicated, 88. delete, 89. span, 90. pitch, 91. relax, 92. afterward, 93. genre, 94. app

95. 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
96. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
97. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
98. co__c books *adj.* funny and making you laugh
99. a sl__k rope *adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
100. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
101. fight vi__l infections *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
102. acc_____lly coincide *adv.* by chance or without planning
103. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
104. thoughtful es__y *n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
105. detect a vi__l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
106. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

ANSWERS: 95. unfold, 96. normally, 97. absolutely, 98. comic, 99. slack, 100. span, 101. viral, 102. accidentally, 103. hell, 104. essay, 105. viral, 106. absolute

107. a co____l way to speaking *adj.* funny, especially in a strange or absurd way
108. devastating cr____ue *n.* a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation
109. in____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
110. sc____l through a document *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
111. a person of ge____s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
112. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
113. st__k of celery *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
114. go on a h__e *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost

ANSWERS: 107. comical, 108. critique, 109. inspire, 110. scroll, 111. genius, 112. decide, 113. stalk, 114. hike

115. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
116. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
117. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
118. talented ba_____te *n.* a member of the same band or musical group as another person, typically someone who plays a different instrument or has a different role in the group
119. first pa_____ph *n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
120. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
121. tense piano st___gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
122. co___n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
123. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
124. an unr_____ble amount of money *adj.* not fair, sensible, or likely to be true
125. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
126. a short va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

ANSWERS: 115. nation, 116. scenario, 117. singe, 118. bandmate, 119. paragraph, 120. millennium, 121. string, 122. cousin, 123. vulnerable, 124. unreasonable, 125. crazy, 126. vacation

127. cr__h a revolt
v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
128. 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
129. vul_____le parts of the body
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
130. r__n the plan
v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
131. am_____g advances
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
132. complete no_____ly
adv. usually; under normal conditions
133. harsh cr_____sm
n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
134. en___e critics
v. to make someone extremely angry
135. tax re___f
n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
136. the state of being we__d
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
137. surface po___h
n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

ANSWERS: 127. crush, 128. reaction, 129. vulnerable, 130. ruin, 131. amazing, 132. normally, 133. criticism, 134. enrage, 135. relief, 136. weird, 137. polish

138. beef sa_____e *n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices
139. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
140. German sa_____e *n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices
141. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
142. an el_____te hat *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
143. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
144. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
145. a literary ge___e *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
146. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 138. sausage, 139. amazing, 140. sausage, 141. decide, 142. elaborate, 143. inspire, 144. hell, 145. genre, 146. absolutely

147. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
148. a cr____ue of the social system *n.* a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation
149. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
150. cr__h coffee beans *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
151. feminine ta____n *n.* a plug or wad of material, such as cotton or rayon that is inserted into the vagina during menstruation to absorb the menstrual flow
152. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
153. a t__e animal *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
154. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

ANSWERS: 147. quitter, 148. critique, 149. boom, 150. crush, 151. tampon, 152. app, 153. tame, 154. ancient

155. el_____te Ponzi scheme *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
156. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
157. unr_____ble demand *adj.* not fair, sensible, or likely to be true
158. a h__e in prices *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
159. 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
160. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
161. y_p away for hours *v.* to talk or chat continuously, often in an annoying or high-pitched manner; to make a lot of noise or fuss about something
162. po___h finishing *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
163. fu_____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
164. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
165. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

ANSWERS: 155. elaborate, 156. conversation, 157. unreasonable, 158. hike, 159. reaction, 160. genius, 161. yap, 162. polish, 163. furious, 164. uncomfortable, 165. disaster

166. sigh of re___f

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

ANSWERS: 166. relief

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The house owner loved the large hanging _____ in the guest room.
n. a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

2. He's always _____ about how much money he makes, but I don't believe him.
v. to talk or chat continuously, often in an annoying or high-pitched manner; to make a lot of noise or fuss about something

3. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

4. The rules were _____ after the new executive arrived.
v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

5. The doctor gave a positive _____ for her recovery from the illness.
n. the likely outcome or course of a disease or illness based on medical analysis and examination of the patient; a forecast or prediction of future events or developments

6. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.
n. the child of your aunt or uncle

7. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.
n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 1. scroll, 2. yapping, 3. inspired, 4. relaxed, 5. prognosis, 6. cousins, 7. doll

8. He covered up his failure with _____ laughter.
adj. funny, especially in a strange or absurd way
9. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
10. The Chief editor checks all _____ for plagiarism with software.
n. a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
11. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
12. The hunter quietly _____ the deer for hours before taking the shot
v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
13. He was _____ killed by friendly fire.
adv. by chance or without planning
14. The boy _____ his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.
v. to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
15. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 8. comical, 9. boom, 10. essays, 11. absolutely, 12. stalked, 13. accidentally, 14. clutched, 15. weird

16. The teenage girl began to _____ last month.

- v.* to have or experience the process in a woman's menstrual cycle during which blood and other materials are discharged from the uterus

17. Highlight the sentences that you want to _____.

- v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information

18. The family decided to _____ in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

- n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost

19. He was _____ gifted.

- adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners

20. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.

- n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

21. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.

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

22. We would _____ an early reply.

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

23. We have to _____ substantial financial deficits at first.

- v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

ANSWERS: 16. menstruate, 17. delete, 18. hike, 19. naturally, 20. delivery, 21. tweet, 22. appreciate, 23. tame

24. Her excessive demands drove me _____.

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

25. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

26. This device can more accurately detect _____ pathogens.

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

27. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

28. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

29. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

30. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

31. His abusive words made me _____.

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

ANSWERS: 24. insane, 25. ancient, 26. viral, 27. complicated, 28. nation, 29. panic, 30. span, 31. uncomfortable

32. 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

33. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

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

34. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.

- n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

35. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.

- n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

36. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

37. He proposed an _____ program of public works.

- adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

38. Her voice gradually increased in _____.

- n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

39. The _____ dispenser in the women's restroom was empty.

- n.* a plug or wad of material, such as cotton or rayon that is inserted into the vagina during menstruation to absorb the menstrual flow

ANSWERS: 32. unfolded, 33. quitter, 34. relief, 35. rocket, 36. amazing, 37. elaborate, 38. pitch, 39. tampon

40. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
adj. extremely angry; full of rage
41. I used a special _____ to make my car's paint shine.
n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
42. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.
adv. usually; under normal conditions
43. The pop star was accused of lip-_____ during her concert, as many fans noticed that her mouth movements did not match the lyrics of the song.
n. the process of synchronizing or coordinating two or more devices or systems so that they "play back" or operate together seamlessly; (verb, synch) to match or align timing, speed, or other parameters
44. He is known for creating _____ paintings.
n. a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
45. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
46. It would be _____ for me to expect you to work overtime without any extra compensation.
adj. not fair, sensible, or likely to be true
47. It's important to have good communication with your _____ during rehearsals and performances.
n. a member of the same band or musical group as another person, typically someone who plays a different instrument or has a different role in the group

ANSWERS: 40. furious, 41. polish, 42. normally, 43. synching, 44. genre-busting, 45. disaster, 46. unreasonable, 47. bandmates

48. This trail takes _____ 2.5 hours.

adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

49. The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide _____ measure.

n. an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19

50. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

51. Do you have a plan for a long _____

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

52. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

53. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

54. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

55. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

adv. after the time mentioned

ANSWERS: 48. approximately, 49. lockdown, 50. app's, 51. vacation?, 52. critics, 53. decide, 54. crazy, 55. afterward

56. The mother sliced off a piece of _____.

- n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices

57. The team's _____ attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.

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

58. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.

- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

59. Constructive _____ is always helpful to help improving one's work.

- n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

60. The novel is _____ and tragic.

- adj.* funny and making you laugh

61. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

62. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.

- adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

63. She was _____ for the help he provided.

- adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

ANSWERS: 56. sausage, 57. slack, 58. scenarios, 59. criticism, 60. comic, 61. conversation, 62. absolute, 63. grateful

64. The news of the betrayal _____ him.

v. to make someone extremely angry

65. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

66. A rainbow is a natural _____.

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

67. Following the _____ from the professor, students rewrite their essays and submit them for final evaluation.

n. a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation

68. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

69. A culture of _____ in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

70. Astronauts experience the effects of _____ when they are in space.

n. a condition of feeble gravity, often experienced by objects or organisms in orbit around a planet or other celestial body, such as the International Space Station

71. Article VII, _____ 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.

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

ANSWERS: 64. enraged, 65. vulnerable, 66. phenomenon, 67. critique, 68. string, 69. honesty, 70. microgravity, 71. Paragraph

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

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

73. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

- adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

74. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.

- v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

75. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

- n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

76. Our world is in the third _____.

- n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

77. 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

78. The car was completely _____ in the accident.

- v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

79. The painting's _____ of bright colors and dark shadows created a striking effect.

- n.* the act or an instance of placing two or more things close to one another, often to highlight a contrast or comparison between them

ANSWERS: 72. ruined, 73. impressive, 74. singed, 75. relevance, 76. millennium, 77. reaction, 78. crushed, 79. juxtaposition

80. The _____ ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

81. Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by _____ changes in climate.

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

82. Mozart was a musical _____.

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

83. The battlefield became _____ on earth.

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 80. feminist, 81. millennial-scale, 82. genius, 83. hell