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Session 1: Word List

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

paddy

n. a flooded field where rice is grown, also known as a rice paddy; rice that is still in its husk, harvested from marshy fields called paddies, usually in Asia

synonym: rice field, wetland

(1) **paddy** farming, (2) **paddy** production

The sight of the **paddy** fields swaying in the wind was breathtaking.

epic

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

synonym: legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

dodge

v. to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep

synonym : evade, sidestep, avoid

(1) **dodge** a blow, (2) **dodge** a question

She had to **dodge** the oncoming traffic to cross the busy street safely.

falcon

n. a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight

synonym : hawk, eagle, kestrel

(1) **falcon** feathers, (2) peregrine **falcon**

The **falcon's** keen eyesight makes it an excellent hunter.

stormy

adj. marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation

synonym : tempestuous, turbulent, choppy

(1) **stormy** relationship, (2) **stormy** weather

The city council meeting was **stormy**, as people argued about a controversial new policy.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

invasion

n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

synonym : aggression, attack, raid

(1) the Turkish **invasion**, (2) home **invasion**

An **invasion** would most probably result in a political catastrophe.

medal

n. a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an

achievement, victory, or honor

synonym : award, decoration, badge

(1) gold **medal**, (2) a prize **medal**

She was proud to receive a **medal** for her hard work and dedication to the sport.

gallantry

n. courteous and valiant behavior, especially toward women; acts of chivalrous bravery, such as those performed in battle or defense of someone else

synonym : bravery, valor, chivalry

(1) act of **gallantry**, (2) show of **gallantry**

The young athlete showed remarkable **gallantry** in his first Olympic race.

accomplishment

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

synonym : success, achievement, complete

(1) proud of his **accomplishments**, (2) the **accomplishment** of a social goal

Graduating from college was a major **accomplishment** for her.

speedy

adj. characterized by fast or quick movements, actions, or processes; rapid; swift

synonym : quick, rapid, swift

(1) **speedy** recovery, (2) **speedy** response

The **speedy** delivery of my package was surprising.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym : shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

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.

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.

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.

nitrogen

n. a chemical element with the symbol N and atomic number 7, which is a highly reactive element that forms part of many compounds, including amino acids and proteins

(1) heavy **nitrogen**, (2) **nitrogen** absorption

Nitrogen gas is used to inflate car tires because it does not react with rubber.

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**.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym: confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the

ZOO

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

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.

possess

v. to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

synonym : keep, maintain, own

(1) **possess** a basic knowledge, (2) **possess** divine powers

He **possesses** a good sense of humor.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

navigate

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

synonym : guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document
Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym : discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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.

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.

plumage

n. the feathers of a bird used as a collective term to describe the colors, patterns, and size of feathers on a particular bird species

synonym: feathers, plumules, plumes

(1) bright **plumage**, (2) iridescent **plumage**

The bird's colorful **plumage** caught the attention of many at the zoo.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

flock

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

synonym: herd, crowd, assembly

(1) **flock** of sheep, (2) **flock** of spectator

When a **flock** of birds flies in, the hunt begins.

abundant

adj. present in great quantity

synonym: ample, plentiful, generative

(1) live an **abundant** life, (2) an **abundant** supply of water

The country has **abundant** oil and natural gas resources.

widespread

adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people

synonym:

across-the-board, overall, general

(1) **widespread** use, (2) **widespread** fear of nuclear war
In medieval times, death punishment was **widespread** and socially accepted.

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.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure
Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym: disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory
Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number
The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

accentuate

v. to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable

synonym: emphasize, highlight, stress

(1) **accentuate** features, (2) **accentuate** the positive
The dress's plunging neckline was designed to **accentuate** the model's curves.

nest

n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

synonym : roost, perch, burrow

(1) bird's **nest**, (2) a **nest** of thieves

The female birds build a **nest** and lay their eggs in May.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym : root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

cliff

n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

synonym : crag, escarpment, precipice

(1) a bold **cliff**, (2) **cliff** diving

He stood at the edge of the **cliff** and looked out to sea.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym : mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

homemaking

n. the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker

synonym : housekeeping, domestic management

(1) traditional **homemaking** skills, (2) **homemaking** tools

Homemaking duties can include anything from cooking and cleaning to managing household finances.

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

ledge

n. a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface

synonym : shelf, edge, brink

(1) **ledge** overlooking the ocean, (2) wooden **ledge**

He stood on the narrow **ledge**, looking down at the busy street below.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym : road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

overpass

n. a bridge or elevated roadway that passes over a road, railway, or other obstruction, typically designed to improve traffic flow by allowing vehicles to pass over or bypass an obstacle

synonym : bridge, flyover, viaduct

(1) **overpass** bridge, (2) steel **overpass**

The **overpass** over the busy highway made getting to the other side much easier without waiting in traffic.

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.

fussy

adj. excessively concerned with minor details and trivialities; easily irritated or bothered by small annoyances; requiring or showing excessive attention or care

synonym : picky, finicky, particular

(1) **fussy** eater, (2) **fussy** cat

The baby's **fussy** behavior indicated that she was not feeling well.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

generalist

adj. relating to or characterized by a broad range of knowledge, skills, or interests rather than specialized or deep expertise in a particular field or domain

synonym : multidisciplinary, versatile, all-round

(1) **generalist** knowledge, (2) legal **generalist**

The job required a **generalist** approach, which involved working on various tasks in different fields.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym : output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

gorge

n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

synonym : canyon, gully, ravine

(1) cast the **gorge**, (2) the **gorges** of the Yangtse River
We must pass through the narrow **gorge** with a stream running through it.

fetch

v. to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something

synonym : retrieve, bring, get

(1) **fetch** the mail, (2) **fetch** a ball

Could you help me **fetch** the ball from the other side of the field?

offspring

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant

synonym : children, descendants, heirs

(1) female **offspring**, (2) produce **offspring**

How many **offspring** does the average lion have?

abundance

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

synonym : plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

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**.

attract

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

synonym: lure, entice, draw in

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

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

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

rapt

adj. deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed

synonym: entranced, absorbed, spellbound

(1) **rapt** audience, (2) have a **rapt** expression

She was **rapt** in concentration as she listened to the lecture.

aptitude

n. a natural ability or talent for something; suitability or fitness for a particular task or kind of work

synonym: ability, talent, skill

(1) **aptitude** test, (2) natural **aptitude**

Her **aptitude** for mathematics helped her excel in her engineering courses at college.

swift

adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

synonym: quick, speedy, brisk

(1) take **swift** action, (2) a **swift** current of a river

Her voice was **swift**, yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym: use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym: pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

comp

v. short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment

synonym: waive, cover, provide

(1) **comp** their meal, (2) **comp** the employees with a bonus

The casino **comped** her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.

barn

n. a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock

synonym: shed, outbuilding, granary

(1) **barn** building, (2) a **barn** for cows

The old **barn** on the farm was used to store hay and other equipment.

owl

n. a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call

synonym: raptor, bird of prey, nocturnal bird

(1) a night **owl**, (2) an **owl** hooted

The snowy **owl** is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

mass

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

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

lookout

n. a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence

synonym : watchman, sentinel, guard

(1) **lookout** team, (2) on the **lookout** for danger

The **lookout** tower provided a clear view of the surrounding area.

wildlife

n. animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

(1) **wildlife** sanctuary, (2) bird and other **wildlife**

The conservation area has an abundance of **wildlife**.

enthusiastic

adj. having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something

synonym : ardent, fervent, crazy

(1) **enthusiastic** football fan, (2) **enthusiastic** audience

She was **enthusiastic** about starting her new job.

commissioner

n. an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling

something or performing specific duties

synonym : administrator, agent, official

(1) elect police **commissioners**, (2) **commissioner** of patent office

He became an audit **commissioner** because of his years of experience as an accountant.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym : treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

synonym : one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

gram

n. a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram

(1) centimeter- **gram-second** system, (2) **gram** amount

How much is it per one hundred **grams**?

acidic

adj. having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal

synonym : sour, tart, acrid

(1) **acidic** solution, (2) **acidic** taste

The soil in this region is too **acidic** for most crops to grow well.

excrement

n. the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract

synonym : waste, feces, dung

(1) animal **excrement**, (2) human **excrement**

As a dog owner, cleaning up your pet's **excrement** is

responsible.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

structural

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

synonym : architectural, basic, anatomical

(1) **structural** analyses, (2) **structural** reorganization

The earthquake resulted in significant **structural** destruction.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym : barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

incident

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

synonym : event, occurrence, accident

(1) traffic **incident**, (2) security **incident**

The **incident** at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

infection

n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

synonym : contagion, disease, transmission

(1) a bacterial **infection**, (2) treat the **infection** with antibiotics

Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial **infections**.

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.

inhale

v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

synonym : breathe in, take in, draw in

(1) **inhale** the smoke, (2) **inhale** the aroma

He **inhaled** deeply, trying to calm down.

numerous

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

synonym : many, considerable, countless

(1) **numerous** countries, (2) as **numerous** as the sand

These descriptions are based on a number of **numerous** assumptions.

noisy

adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

synonym : loud, cacophonous, clamorous

(1) **noisy** neighbor, (2) **noisy** party

The construction outside was creating a **noisy** distraction from my work.

keen

adj. having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest

synonym : eager, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **keen** interest, (2) **keen** observation

He was **keen** to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.

swirl

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym : spin, whirl, turn

(1) **swirl** the wine, (2) **swirl** up dirt and dust

The chef expertly **swirled** the sauce onto the plate.

ongoing

adj. continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
synonym: continuous, current, proceeding

(1) still **ongoing**, (2) **ongoing** support

The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the **ongoing** economic crisis.

relation

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

synonym: association, linkage, connection

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

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

domination

n. the act of having control or power over someone or something

synonym: control, power, rule

(1) fall under foreign **domination**, (2) **domination** power

The **domination** of the Roman Empire over the Mediterranean region lasted for centuries.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

Session 2: Spelling

1. k__n observation *adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
2. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
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6. b__n building *n.* a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
7. ni_____en absorption *n.* a chemical element with the symbol N and atomic number 7, which is a highly reactive element that forms part of many compounds, including amino acids and proteins
8. anti-air raid sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
9. yield cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

ANSWERS: 1. keen, 2. collaborate, 3. homemaking, 4. combination, 5. accomplishment, 6. barn, 7. nitrogen, 8. shelter, 9. curve

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17. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
18. pi___n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

ANSWERS: 10. trait, 11. chaotic, 12. cliff, 13. generalist, 14. widespread, 15. fungus, 16. fussy, 17. transport, 18. pigeon

19. a prize me__l *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
20. re____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
21. sw__l up dirt and dust *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
22. po____s a basic knowledge *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
23. an o_l hooted *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
24. str____al reorganization *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
25. 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
26. ov____ss bridge *n.* a bridge or elevated roadway that passes over a road, railway, or other obstruction, typically designed to improve traffic flow by allowing vehicles to pass over or bypass an obstacle
27. do__e a blow *v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
28. do__e a question *v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
29. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 19. medal, 20. release, 21. swirl, 22. possess, 23. owl, 24. structural, 25. boom, 26. overpass, 27. dodge, 28. dodge, 29. develop

30. security in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
31. acc_____te features *v.* to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable
32. animals in ca_____ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
33. 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
34. fall under foreign dom_____on *n.* the act of having control or power over someone or something
35. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
36. bright pl_____e *n.* the feathers of a bird used as a collective term to describe the colors, patterns, and size of feathers on a particular bird species
37. on_____g support *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
38. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
39. an age of ab_____ce *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

ANSWERS: 30. incident, 31. accentuate, 32. captivity, 33. spot, 34. domination, 35. mimic, 36. plumage, 37. ongoing, 38. dam, 39. abundance

40. produce of _____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
41. access to public tr _____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
42. pa __y farming *n.* a flooded field where rice is grown, also known as a rice paddy; rice that is still in its husk, harvested from marshy fields called paddies, usually in Asia
43. e __c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
44. 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
45. dom _____on power *n.* the act of having control or power over someone or something
46. de _____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
47. take ad _____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
48. 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

ANSWERS: 40. offspring, 41. transport, 42. paddy, 43. epic, 44. protein, 45. domination, 46. develop, 47. advantage, 48. spot

49. traffic in_____nt
n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
50. st____y relationship
adj. marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation
51. col_____te with the police
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
52. chaotic env_____nt
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
53. sp____y recovery
adj. characterized by fast or quick movements, actions, or processes; rapid; swift
54. sta_____cs for cancer
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
55. a chemical fer_____er
n. a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
56. 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
57. an ab_____nt supply of water
adj. present in great quantity
58. lo____e a tumor
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
59. elect police com_____ners
n. an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties

ANSWERS: 49. incident, 50. stormy, 51. collaborate, 52. environment, 53. speedy, 54. statistics, 55. fertilizer, 56. planet, 57. abundant, 58. locate, 59. commissioner

60. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
61. re____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
62. sp____y response *adj.* characterized by fast or quick movements, actions, or processes; rapid; swift
63. c__p the employees with a bonus *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
64. a b__n for cows *n.* a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
65. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
66. a racing pi___n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
67. legal gen____st *adj.* relating to or characterized by a broad range of knowledge, skills, or interests rather than specialized or deep expertise in a particular field or domain
68. ent____tic football fan *adj.* having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something

ANSWERS: 60. chase, 61. release, 62. speedy, 63. comp, 64. barn, 65. tap, 66. pigeon, 67. generalist, 68. enthusiastic

69. 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
70. a bold cl__f *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
71. an interstate hi____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
72. traditional hom_____ng skills *n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
73. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
74. nonsynthetic fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
75. a n__t of thieves *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
76. bird and other wi_____fe *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
77. sw__l the wine *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
78. fa___n feathers *n.* a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight
79. c__p their meal *v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment

ANSWERS: 69. fancy, 70. cliff, 71. highway, 72. homemaking, 73. unique, 74. fertilizer, 75. nest, 76. wildlife, 77. swirl, 78. falcon, 79. comp

80. st___y weather *adj.* marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation
81. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
82. fu___y eater *adj.* excessively concerned with minor details and trivialities; easily irritated or bothered by small annoyances; requiring or showing excessive attention or care
83. have a r__t expression *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
84. hi_____y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
85. home in_____on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
86. animal ex_____nt *n.* the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract
87. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
88. ac___c taste *adj.* having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal

ANSWERS: 80. stormy, 81. distance, 82. fussy, 83. rapt, 84. highway, 85. invasion, 86. excrement, 87. naturally, 88. acidic

89. 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
90. as nu____us as the sand *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
91. no__y party *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
92. acc_____te the positive *v.* to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable
93. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
94. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
95. in___e the aroma *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
96. k__n interest *adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
97. ch_____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
98. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
99. wi_____fe sanctuary *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

ANSWERS: 89. boom, 90. numerous, 91. noisy, 92. accentuate, 93. environment, 94. mass, 95. inhale, 96. keen, 97. cherish, 98. instinct, 99. wildlife

100. special de____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
101. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
102. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
103. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
104. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
105. po____s divine powers *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
106. human ex_____nt *n.* the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract
107. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
108. the ch_____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
109. peregrine fa___n *n.* a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight

ANSWERS: 100. delivery, 101. breed, 102. curve, 103. tap, 104. mimic, 105. possess, 106. excrement, 107. relation, 108. chaotic, 109. falcon

110. treat the in_____on with antibiotics *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
111. heavy ni_____en *n.* a chemical element with the symbol N and atomic number 7, which is a highly reactive element that forms part of many compounds, including amino acids and proteins
112. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
113. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
114. the go__es of the Yangtse River *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
115. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
116. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
117. still on_____g *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
118. an ab_____ce of examples *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
119. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

ANSWERS: 110. infection, 111. nitrogen, 112. naturally, 113. breed, 114. gorge, 115. locate, 116. stick, 117. ongoing, 118. abundance, 119. unique

120. in___e the smoke *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
121. com_____ner of patent office *n.* an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties
122. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
123. ac___c solution *adj.* having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal
124. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
125. iridescent pl_____e *n.* the feathers of a bird used as a collective term to describe the colors, patterns, and size of feathers on a particular bird species
126. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
127. live an ab_____nt life *adj.* present in great quantity
128. le__e overlooking the ocean *n.* a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface
129. wooden le__e *n.* a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface
130. r__t audience *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed

ANSWERS: 120. inhale, 121. commissioner, 122. ancient, 123. acidic, 124. flee, 125. plumage, 126. straight, 127. abundant, 128. ledge, 129. ledge, 130. rapt

131. the Turkish in____on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
132. social di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
133. sexual pr____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
134. steel ov____ss *n.* a bridge or elevated roadway that passes over a road, railway, or other obstruction, typically designed to improve traffic flow by allowing vehicles to pass over or bypass an obstacle
135. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
136. take sw__t action *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
137. fl__k of sheep *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
138. ex____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
139. fe__h a ball *v.* to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something
140. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
141. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

ANSWERS: 131. invasion, 132. distance, 133. predator, 134. overpass, 135. ancient, 136. swift, 137. flock, 138. exploit, 139. fetch, 140. urban, 141. flee

142. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
143. gold me__l *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
144. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
145. ap_____de test *n.* a natural ability or talent for something; suitability or fitness for a particular task or kind of work
146. str_____al analyses *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
147. cast the go__e *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
148. a bacterial in_____on *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
149. escape from ca_____ty *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
150. wid_____ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
151. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
152. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 142. urban, 143. medal, 144. combination, 145. aptitude, 146. structural, 147. gorge, 148. infection, 149. captivity, 150. widespread, 151. navigate, 152. stick

153. at____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
154. act of ga_____ry *n.* courteous and valiant behavior, especially toward women; acts of chivalrous bravery, such as those performed in battle or defense of someone else
155. a night o_l *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
156. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
157. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
158. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
159. lo_____t team *n.* a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence
160. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
161. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
162. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 153. attract, 154. gallantry, 155. owl, 156. relation, 157. crop, 158. predator, 159. lookout, 160. instinct, 161. trait, 162. statistics

163. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
164. fl__k of spectator *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
165. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
166. centimeter-g__m-second system *n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
167. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
168. rainproof sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
169. on the lo_____t for danger *n.* a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence
170. show of ga_____ry *n.* courteous and valiant behavior, especially toward women; acts of chivalrous bravery, such as those performed in battle or defense of someone else
171. natural ap_____de *n.* a natural ability or talent for something; suitability or fitness for a particular task or kind of work
172. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
173. wild goose ch___e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 163. thrive, 164. flock, 165. mass, 166. gram, 167. exploit, 168. shelter,

169. lookout, 170. gallantry, 171. aptitude, 172. thrive, 173. chase

174. an easy de____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
175. pa__y production *n.* a flooded field where rice is grown, also known as a rice paddy; rice that is still in its husk, harvested from marshy fields called paddies, usually in Asia
176. 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
177. fe__h the mail *v.* to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something
178. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
179. female of_____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
180. a sw__t current of a river *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
181. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
182. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
183. g__m amount *n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
184. or____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something

ANSWERS: 174. delivery, 175. paddy, 176. planet, 177. fetch, 178. attract, 179. offspring, 180. swift, 181. origin, 182. crop, 183. gram, 184. origin

185. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
186. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
187. nu_____us countries *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
188. 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
189. bird's n__t *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
190. proud of his acc_____ents *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
191. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
192. 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
193. no__y neighbor *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
194. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

ANSWERS: 185. advantage, 186. epic, 187. numerous, 188. fungus, 189. nest, 190. accomplishment, 191. dam, 192. protein, 193. noisy, 194. straight

195. ent_____tic audience

adj. having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something

196. 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

197. ch_____h relationships

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

198. na_____te through a document

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

ANSWERS: 195. enthusiastic, 196. fancy, 197. cherish, 198. navigate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
 - n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

2. She _____ the memories of her childhood.
 - v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

3. The conservation area has an abundance of _____.
 - n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

4. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
 - n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

5. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
 - v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

6. He stood on the narrow _____ looking down at the busy street below.
 - n.* a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface

7. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
 - n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 1. advantages, 2. cherished, 3. wildlife, 4. pigeon, 5. develop, 6. ledge, 7. mass

8. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.
- n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
9. The casino _____ her room and meals for being a high-rolling gambler.
- v.* short for "compensate," meaning to give goods or services to someone without asking for payment
10. The sight of the _____ fields swaying in the wind was breathtaking.
- n.* a flooded field where rice is grown, also known as a rice paddy; rice that is still in its husk, harvested from marshy fields called paddies, usually in Asia
11. The _____ tower provided a clear view of the surrounding area.
- n.* a person or group of people who are responsible for watching for danger or other potential threats and warning others of their presence
12. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
13. As a dog owner, cleaning up your pet's _____ is responsible.
- n.* the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract
14. The young athlete showed remarkable _____ in his first Olympic race.
- n.* courteous and valiant behavior, especially toward women; acts of chivalrous bravery, such as those performed in battle or defense of someone else
15. 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

ANSWERS: 8. curve, 9. comped, 10. paddy, 11. lookout, 12. relations, 13. excrement, 14. gallantry, 15. fancy

16. The _____ over the busy highway made getting to the other side much easier without waiting in traffic.
- n.* a bridge or elevated roadway that passes over a road, railway, or other obstruction, typically designed to improve traffic flow by allowing vehicles to pass over or bypass an obstacle
17. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
- n.* a particular feature of your nature
18. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.
- n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
19. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
20. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
- n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
21. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.
- v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
22. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
- v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
23. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
- v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 16. overpass, 17. traits, 18. abundance, 19. predator's, 20. distance, 21. breeds, 22. exploit, 23. attract

24. 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

25. The female birds build a _____ and lay their eggs in May.

n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

26. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

27. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

28. The _____ of the Roman Empire over the Mediterranean region lasted for centuries.

n. the act of having control or power over someone or something

29. She was proud to receive a _____ for her hard work and dedication to the sport.

n. a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

30. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

31. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 24. ancient, 25. nest, 26. highway, 27. epic, 28. domination, 29. medal, 30. transportation, 31. environment

32. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

33. He was _____ to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.

adj. having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest

34. The soil in this region is too _____ for most crops to grow well.

adj. having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal

35. Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial _____.

n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

36. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

37. The baby's _____ behavior indicated that she was not feeling well.

adj. excessively concerned with minor details and trivialities; easily irritated or bothered by small annoyances; requiring or showing excessive attention or care

38. The city council meeting was _____ as people argued about a controversial new policy.

adj. marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation

39. Could you help me _____ the ball from the other side of the field?

v. to go and bring back something or someone; to retrieve or obtain something

ANSWERS: 32. instinct, 33. keen, 34. acidic, 35. infections, 36. flee, 37. fussy, 38. stormy, 39. fetch

40. How much is it per one hundred _____
- n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
41. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.
- n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
42. She had to _____ the oncoming traffic to cross the busy street safely.
- v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
43. _____ duties can include anything from cooking and cleaning to managing household finances.
- n.* the act or practice of managing a household and taking care of domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning, and organizing; the work or occupation of being a homemaker
44. The old _____ on the farm was used to store hay and other equipment.
- n.* a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
45. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
46. He stood at the edge of the _____ and looked out to sea.
- n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
47. The chef expertly _____ the sauce onto the plate.
- v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern

ANSWERS: 40. grams?, 41. dam, 42. dodge, 43. Homemaking, 44. barn, 45. stick, 46. cliff, 47. swirled

48. 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
49. The _____ to the safe was a secret.
- n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
50. The _____ delivery of my package was surprising.
- adj.* characterized by fast or quick movements, actions, or processes; rapid; swift
51. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
52. _____ gas is used to inflate car tires because it does not react with rubber.
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol N and atomic number 7, which is a highly reactive element that forms part of many compounds, including amino acids and proteins
53. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
54. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.
- adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
55. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.
- adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

ANSWERS: 48. fungus, 49. combination, 50. speedy, 51. tap, 52. Nitrogen, 53. release, 54. structural, 55. unique,

56. Her _____ for mathematics helped her excel in her engineering courses at college.
- n.* a natural ability or talent for something; suitability or fitness for a particular task or kind of work
57. He _____ a good sense of humor.
- v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
58. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
- v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
59. 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
60. She was _____ in concentration as she listened to the lecture.
- adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
61. When a _____ of birds flies in, the hunt begins.
- n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
62. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of _____ reform.
- adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
63. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.
- v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

ANSWERS: 56. aptitude, 57. possesses, 58. chased, 59. boom, 60. rapt, 61. flock, 62. chaotic, 63. navigate

64. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

65. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

66. These descriptions are based on a number of _____ assumptions.

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

67. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

68. The country has _____ oil and natural gas resources.

adj. present in great quantity

69. 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

70. Her voice was _____ yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.

adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

71. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

72. He _____ deeply, trying to calm down.

v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

ANSWERS: 64. locate, 65. collaborate, 66. numerous, 67. urban, 68. abundant, 69. fertilizers, 70. swift, 71. origin, 72. inhaled

73. She was _____ about starting her new job.

adj. having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something

74. The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the _____ economic crisis.

adj. continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening

75. How many _____ does the average lion have?

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant

76. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

77. The _____ keen eyesight makes it an excellent hunter.

n. a bird of prey characterized by its sharp talons and hooked beak; typically having a long tail and wingspan and known for its swift and agile flight

78. Pandas rarely breed in _____.

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

79. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.

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

80. The construction outside was creating a _____ distraction from my work.

adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

ANSWERS: 73. enthusiastic, 74. ongoing, 75. offspring, 76. statistics, 77. falcon's, 78. captivity, 79. delivery, 80. noisy

81. He became an audit _____ because of his years of experience as an accountant.
- n.* an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties
82. In medieval times, death punishment was _____ and socially accepted.
- adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
83. 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
84. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
- v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
85. He was sick for five _____ days.
- adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
86. The _____ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.
- n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
87. The snowy _____ is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.
- n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
88. The dress's plunging neckline was designed to _____ the model's curves.
- v.* to emphasize or highlight something, often by making it more prominent or noticeable

ANSWERS: 81. commissioner, 82. widespread, 83. spot, 84. thrive, 85. straight, 86. incident, 87. owl, 88. accentuate

89. The bird's colorful _____ caught the attention of many at the zoo.
n. the feathers of a bird used as a collective term to describe the colors, patterns, and size of feathers on a particular bird species
90. Sow early for an early _____.
n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
91. 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
92. The job required a _____ approach, which involved working on various tasks in different fields.
adj. relating to or characterized by a broad range of knowledge, skills, or interests rather than specialized or deep expertise in a particular field or domain
93. He was _____ gifted.
adv. as might be expected; by natural manners
94. We must pass through the narrow _____ with a stream running through it.
n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
95. They need food and _____.
n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
96. An _____ would most probably result in a political catastrophe.
n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

ANSWERS: 89. plumage, 90. crop, 91. protein, 92. generalist, 93. naturally, 94. gorge, 95. shelter, 96. invasion

97. 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

98. Graduating from college was a major _____ for her.

- n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

99. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.

- v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

ANSWERS: 97. planet, 98. accomplishment, 99. mimic