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Session 1: Word List

buckle

v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat;
(noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

synonym: bend, crumple, contort

(1) **buckle** down to study, (2) **buckle** shoe

The severe heat wave **buckled** railway tracks.

dusty

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

synonym: stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

ford

n. a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

synonym: crossing, traversing, passing

(1) **ford** a river, (2) across a **ford**

The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a **ford** downstream where the water was shallower.

halfway

adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

synonym : middle, median, center

(1) **halfway** through my journey, (2) **halfway** decent job
The famous restaurant stands **halfway** up the hill.

dashboard

n. a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview

synonym : control panel

(1) auto **dashboard**, (2) business **dashboard**

He noticed that the oil warning light on the **dashboard** of his car had turned on.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym : wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel
He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

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

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym : disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold
Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

murmur

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

synonym : burble, gurgle, mutter

(1) **murmur** at low wages, (2) **murmur** a greeting
He always **murmurs** at the ill-treatment.

pellet

n. a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic

synonym : bead, ball, bullet

(1) the form of a small **pellet**, (2) **pellet** stove

The **pellet** gun was used to shoot small metal balls.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

synonym : breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth

The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym : acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

purity

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

synonym : sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym: masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

induct

v. to formally admit someone to a job or position of authority; to officially introduce someone to an organization or group, or beliefs or ideas

synonym: enlist, recruit, conscript

(1) **induct** them into military service, (2) **induct** a clergyman to a benefice

We were **inducted** into the honor society.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

fade

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

synonym: languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance

My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

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.

abracadabra

n. a word or incantation used in magical or enchanting spells, often in popular culture and entertainment; anything that is mysterious or unexplainable

synonym: magic word, incantation, charm

(1) **abracadabra** magic show, (2) **abracadabra** formula

The wizard spoke the ancient **abracadabra**, and the stone door slowly began to open.

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym: amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym: delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym: mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

spark

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

synonym : start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction

The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

crack

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

synonym : snap, burst, break

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

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

quirk

n. a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

synonym : eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity

(1) personality **quirk**, (2) a **quirk** of fate

One of her **quirks** is that she always wears mismatched socks.

bakery

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

synonym : bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym : business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym : audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym : challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym : border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

sleepwalk

v. to walk about or perform other physical activities while asleep or in a sleep-like state; to engage in automatic behavior while asleep

synonym : walk in one's sleep, somnambulate, noctambulate

(1) **sleepwalk** through life, (2) **sleepwalk** at night

My sister used to **sleepwalk** as a child, but she eventually outgrew it.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

matriarch

n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

synonym : leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.

fierce

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

synonym : ferocious, convulsive, forceful

(1) **fierce** competition, (2) a **fierce** animal

The **fierce** thunders echoed across the plain.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

nutrition

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

synonym : alimentation, nourishment, sustenance

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

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

sustenance

n. food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

synonym : nourishment, livelihood, nutrition

(1) scanty **sustenance**, (2) **sustenance** allowance

A regular job is often a spiritual **sustenance**.

batch

n. a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar;

an amount produced during a specified period of time or process

synonym : group, lot, collection

(1) a **batch** of letters, (2) **batch** processing

I baked a **batch** of cookies for the office party.

casserole

n. a dish made by cooking food, typically meat, vegetables, and a starch, such as potatoes or pasta, in a deep dish either in the oven or on the stovetop; the dish itself that is used for cooking and serving the dish

synonym : stew, hotpot, gratin

(1) vegetable **casserole**, (2) chicken **casserole**

I will bring a **casserole** dish to the potluck dinner.

baggy

adj. loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing

synonym : loose, roomy, oversized

(1) **baggy** sweater, (2) **baggy** sweatpants

I prefer **baggy** clothes to tight-fitting ones.

unassuming

adj. not arrogant, bold, or forward

synonym : diffident, humble, modest

(1) **unassuming** appearance, (2) an **unassuming** fashion

His **unassuming** manner concealed his ambition.

receptionist

n. a person employed at a front desk or in a waiting area of an office, hotel, or other organization, whose job is to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other general administrative tasks

synonym : clerk, secretary

(1) friendly **receptionist**, (2) hotel **receptionist**

Our company is looking to hire a bilingual **receptionist** to serve our diverse clients better.

dentist

n. a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth

synonym : oral surgeon, orthodontist, periodontist

(1) a **dentist's** office, (2) consult a **dentist**

I am going to the family **dentist** to get my teeth cleaned.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym : humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

awe-inspiring

adj. making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable

synonym : magnificent, amazing, astonishing

(1) **awe-inspiring** painting, (2) **awe-inspiring** power

The moment the glacier collapses is an **awe-inspiring** sight.

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.

pyramid

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

synonym : monument, edifice, tomb

(1) **pyramid** architecture, (2) a truncated **pyramid**

The Egyptian **pyramids** consist of a vast number of blocks.

scheme

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

synonym : strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

pastry

n. a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes

synonym : bakery, baked goods, sweet treats

(1) **pastry** chef, (2) fruit **pastry**

The chef's specialty is a savory **pastry** with spinach and feta cheese.

chef

n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel

synonym : cook, culinary artist, gastronomer

(1) **chef** knife, (2) master **chef**

The **chef** at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

culinary

adj. of or relating to cooking and the kitchen

synonym : gastronomic, cooking

(1) **culinary** skill, (2) **culinary** tradition

The **culinary** arts program at the school was highly regarded for its innovative curriculum.

fancy

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

synonym : imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

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

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

dessert

n. a sweet food served as the last course of a meal

synonym : sweet, cake, confection

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

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

slice

n. a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting

synonym : piece, portion, slit

(1) a **slice** of the company's revenue, (2) **slice** a tomato thin

The children complained because one **slice** of cake was slightly larger than the other.

goo

n. a sticky or slimy substance, often of indeterminate or unknown composition; a slang term used to describe something messy, chaotic, or confusing

synonym: slime, muck, gunk

(1) oozing **goo**, (2) slime **goo**

The science experiment involved mixing various liquids to create a bubbling **goo**.

underbake

v. to cook something, usually baked goods, for less time than is required, resulting in it being insufficiently cooked and not fully set or developed

synonym: undercook, half-bake, parbake

(1) **underbake** bread, (2) **underbake** cake

I accidentally **underbaked** the cookies, which turned out doughy in the middle.

frost

n. a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing

synonym: freeze, ice, blight

(1) five degrees of **frost**, (2) **frost** line

The **frost** on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.

dough

n. a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta

synonym: flour, mix

(1) work **dough**, (2) **dough** for pastry

She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make **dough** for the bread.

marshmallow

n. a spongy confection made from sugar, corn syrup, and gelatin, often flavored with vanilla and molded into shapes or used as a topping or decoration for desserts

(1) **marshmallow** fluff, (2) **marshmallow** treat

She roasted **marshmallows** over the campfire.

pretzel

n. a type of baked bread product that is twisted into a knot-like shape, usually sprinkled with salt, and often served as a snack or appetizer

(1) chocolate **pretzel**, (2) **pretzel** stand

I love snacking on **pretzels** while watching a movie at home.

chip

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

synonym: flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

synonym: throw, sway

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

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

convention

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

synonym: meeting, conference, congress

(1) **convention** center, (2) political **convention**

They met at biennial **conventions**.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

flavor

n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

synonym: taste, savor, essence

(1) a delicate **flavor**, (2) **flavor** enhancer
The **flavor** of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

delicious

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
synonym: appetizing, mouthwatering, delectable
(1) **delicious** breeze, (2) variety of **delicious** foods
We could grill the meat in a **delicious** way.

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
synonym: district, region, territory
(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**
The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

nosh

n. food, especially a snack or light meal; a small amount of food or a tasty treat
synonym: snack, nibble, tidbit
(1) healthy **nosh**, (2) **nosh** menu
I packed a small **nosh** of crackers and cheese for my mid-morning snack.

din

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
synonym: noise, racket, clamor
(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**
The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

revolve

v. to rotate around a central point
synonym: rotate, spin, orbit
(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis
The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
synonym: show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

fry

v. to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil

synonym: cook, roast, bake

(1) **fry** an egg, (2) **fry** over low heat

She devoted herself to **frying** the chicken in a pan until it was crispy and golden brown.

dip

v. to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again

synonym: dunk, dive, plunge

(1) **dip** a pen in ink, (2) **dip** a chip in the sauce

Please **dip** up a bucketful of water from the well.

apron

n. a protective garment covering the front part of the body and tied at the waist, worn while cooking, working, or performing other activities

synonym: forestage, pinafore, cover-up

(1) **apron** strings, (2) wear an **apron**

The chef tied his **apron** around his waist before starting to cook.

doable

adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

synonym: realizable, accomplishable, achievable

(1) make a **doable** plan, (2) **doable** in daily life

This project is **doable** despite the tight schedule.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym: tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

saltiness

n. the quality or state of being salty

(1) the taste of **saltiness**, (2) enhance the **saltiness**

She tasted the dish and detected a slight **saltiness**.

malty

adj. having the flavor or aroma of malt, which is a grain that has been germinated and then dried and is used in brewing and distilling to create beer, whiskey, and other beverages

synonym: cereal-flavored, hoppy

(1) **malty** sweetness in tea, (2) **malty** beer

The beer had a delicious **malty** flavor that was perfect for my meal.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym: train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer

The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

toast

n. slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even

(1) drink a **toast**, (2) slice of **toast**

We made a **toast** with everyone.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym: mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

powder

n. a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles

synonym: dust, crumb, grain

(1) **powder** additive, (2) curry **powder**

She used a **powder** brush to apply her foundation evenly.

consistency

n. the quality of acting or being done in the same way over time; the quality of not containing any logical contradictions

synonym : thickness, firmness, regularity

(1) lack **consistency**, (2) **consistency** of results

There's no **consistency** in his arguments.

substitute

n. a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

synonym : alternate, replacement, reserve

(1) **substitute** coffee, (2) **substitute** teacher

I **substitute** skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.

recipe

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

synonym : instructions, formula, method

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

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

rebellious

adj. characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary

synonym : disobedient, defiant, insubordinate

(1) **rebellious** teenager, (2) **rebellious** spirit

Her **rebellious** attitude often got her into trouble with the school authorities.

vanilla

n. a tropical climbing orchid of the genus *Vanilla*, particularly *vanilla planifolia* native to Mexico and Central America; a flavor derived from the vanilla bean, often used as a sweetening agent or condiment in

desserts and beverages

(1) **vanilla** extract, (2) **vanilla** flavor

I love the taste of **vanilla** ice cream.

inspiration

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

synonym: motivation, drive, encouragement

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

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

bud

n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

synonym: shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

synonym: foodstuff, market

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

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

cereal

n. a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals

synonym : grain, oatmeal, breakfast food

(1) **cereal** grain, (2) cold **cereal**

I always start my morning with a bowl of **cereal**.

picky

adj. overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences

synonym : fussy, choosy, particular

(1) **picky** personality, (2) **picky** about details

My **picky** eater only likes to eat certain types of vegetables.

calcium

n. a chemical element with the symbol Ca and atomic number 20, which is an important mineral for the human body

synonym : Ca, lime, chalk

(1) **calcium** deficiency, (2) ion of **calcium**

The patient was prescribed a **calcium** supplement to help prevent osteoporosis.

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.

robbery

n. the taking of property or money from a person, business, or institution by force, threat, or intimidation; a crime that involves theft or stealing

synonym : theft, larceny, burglary

(1) armed **robbery**, (2) petty **robbery**

The convenience store was the scene of a **robbery** last night.

sugary

adj. having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere

synonym : sweet, syrupy, saccharine

(1) **sugary** treat, (2) excessively **sugary**

I avoid eating **sugary** foods to maintain a healthy diet.

fig

n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

(1) **fig** marigold, (2) **fig** tree

He ate the dried **figs** he had preserved.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym : equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

strained

adj. tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness

synonym : tense, tight, forced

(1) **strained** relationship, (2) **strained** muscles

The musician's face showed a **strained** expression as he struggled to hit the high note.

spin

v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

synonym : rotate, twirl, swirl

(1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton

The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying

everything in its path.

naughty

adj. badly behaved; disobedient

synonym : disobedient, mischievous, impish

(1) **naughty** behavior, (2) **naughty** book

The child was being **naughty** and would not listen to his mother.

pajama

n. a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging

synonym : nightgown, nightdress

(1) care **pajama**, (2) **pajama** pants

My little sister loves to have **pajama** parties with her friends on the weekends.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym : enchanting, occult, supernatural

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

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

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

twinkle

v. to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

synonym : sparkle, shine, glitter

(1) **twinkle** like a star, (2) the **twinkle** of the stars

His eyes **twinkled** with mischief.

helm

n. the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat

synonym : steering, control, direction

(1) **helm** of a ship, (2) steer the **helm**

The ship's captain took the **helm** and charted a course through the stormy waters.

hospitality

n. the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers

synonym: generosity, friendliness, cordiality

(1) **hospitality** industry, (2) **hospitality** service

The hotel is known for its exceptional **hospitality**.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

synonym: work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

dilute

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

synonym: weaken, thin, reduce

(1) **dilute** acid with water, (2) **dilute** a great idea
She **diluted** the concentrated juice with water.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**
He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed
Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

witness

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

synonym : onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**
The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

conjure

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

synonym : summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision
The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

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**.

obsess

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

synonym : torment, beset, engross

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

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

copycat

n. a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand

synonym: imitator, mimic, copyist

(1) **copycat** behavior, (2) **copycat** website

The company accused their competitor of being a **copycat** and stealing its design.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

infringe

v. to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property

synonym: violate, trespass, breach

(1) **infringe** a copyright, (2) **infringe** on our property

The company promised not to **infringe** on any of its competitor's patents.

equation

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

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

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

decision

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

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

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

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

routinely

adv. on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected

synonym : habitually, regularly, customarily

(1) **routinely** check, (2) **routinely** scheduled maintenance

They **routinely** conduct fire drills to ensure everyone in the building knows what to do in an emergency.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. f__k art | <i>n.</i> people in general, especially those of a particular group or type |
| 2. t__s the bottle into a trash can | <i>v.</i> to throw something carelessly with a light motion |
| 3. tw_____e like a star | <i>v.</i> to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way |
| 4. abr_____ra formula | <i>n.</i> a word or incantation used in magical or enchanting spells, often in popular culture and entertainment; anything that is mysterious or unexplainable |
| 5. tr_____rm heat into power | <i>v.</i> to change in outward structure or looks; |
| 6. variety of de_____us foods | <i>adj.</i> exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell |
| 7. in_____ct a computer | <i>v.</i> to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something |
| 8. na_____y book | <i>adj.</i> badly behaved; disobedient |
| 9. de_____us breeze | <i>adj.</i> exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell |
| 10. increase sl_____ly | <i>adv.</i> in a small degree or extent; a little |
| 11. a cr__k in a board | <i>v.</i> to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking |
| 12. she is ma__c | <i>n.</i> beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers |

ANSWERS: 1. folk, 2. toss, 3. twinkle, 4. abracadabra, 5. transform, 6. delicious, 7. instruct, 8. naughty, 9. delicious, 10. slightly, 11. crack, 12. magic

13. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
14. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
15. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
16. sl____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
17. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
18. wear an ap__n *n.* a protective garment covering the front part of the body and tied at the waist, worn while cooking, working, or performing other activities
19. in____ge a copyright *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
20. ma__y sweetness in tea *adj.* having the flavor or aroma of malt, which is a grain that has been germinated and then dried and is used in brewing and distilling to create beer, whiskey, and other beverages
21. ro____ly scheduled maintenance *adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected

ANSWERS: 13. decide, 14. chip, 15. sneak, 16. slightly, 17. spark, 18. apron, 19. infringe, 20. malty, 21. routinely

22. hos_____ty industry *n.* the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers
23. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
24. a sl__e of the company's revenue *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
25. sus_____ce allowance *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
26. ba__y sweater *adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
27. co_____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
28. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
29. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
30. lack con_____cy *n.* the quality of acting or being done in the same way over time; the quality of not containing any logical contradictions
31. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
32. cel_____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
33. ca_____m deficiency *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Ca and atomic number 20, which is an important mineral for the human body

ANSWERS: 22. hospitality, 23. norm, 24. slice, 25. sustenance, 26. baggy, 27. conjure, 28. magical, 29. ordinary, 30. consistency, 31. instruct, 32. celebrated, 33. calcium

34. va____a extract *n.* a tropical climbing orchid of the genus *Vanilla*, particularly *vanilla planifolia* native to Mexico and Central America; a flavor derived from the vanilla bean, often used as a sweetening agent or condiment in desserts and beverages
35. do___e in daily life *adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
36. abr____ra magic show *n.* a word or incantation used in magical or enchanting spells, often in popular culture and entertainment; anything that is mysterious or unexplainable
37. op____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
38. s__n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
39. ro____ly check *adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected
40. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
41. sub____te coffee *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
42. slice of to__t *n.* slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even

ANSWERS: 34. vanilla, 35. doable, 36. abracadabra, 37. operate, 38. spin, 39. routinely, 40. decision, 41. substitute, 42. toast

43. pa___a pants *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
44. high pu___y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
45. reb_____us teenager *adj.* characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary
46. a pilot sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
47. bu___e shoe *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
48. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
49. in___t them into military service *v.* to formally admit someone to a job or position of authority; to officially introduce someone to an organization or group, or beliefs or ideas
50. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
51. cu_____ry skill *adj.* of or relating to cooking and the kitchen
52. work do__h *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
53. a truncated py_____d *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 43. pajama, 44. purity, 45. rebellious, 46. scheme, 47. buckle, 48. folk, 49. induct, 50. crazy, 51. culinary, 52. dough, 53. pyramid

54. ion of ca____m *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Ca and atomic number 20, which is an important mineral for the human body
55. ce___l grain *n.* a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals
56. sp__k his interest *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
57. d_p a chip in the sauce *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
58. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
59. nu_____on intake *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
60. slime g_o *n.* a sticky or slimy substance, often of indeterminate or unknown composition; a slang term used to describe something messy, chaotic, or confusing
61. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
62. 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
63. a warm no_____ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
64. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 54. calcium, 55. cereal, 56. spark, 57. dip, 58. twist, 59. nutrition, 60. goo, 61. corporate, 62. fancy, 63. nostalgia, 64. intellect

65. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
66. ha____y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
67. sl_____lk at night *v.* to walk about or perform other physical activities while asleep or in a sleep-like state; to engage in automatic behavior while asleep
68. care pa___a *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
69. the gr____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
70. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
71. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
72. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
73. awe_____ing power *adj.* making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable
74. ba___y industry *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
75. f__e away almost completely *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
76. f__e in importance *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

ANSWERS: 65. grab, 66. halfway, 67. sleepwalk, 68. pajama, 69. grocery, 70. confuse, 71. opportune, 72. incredible, 73. awe-inspiring, 74. bakery, 75. fade, 76. fade

77. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
78. t__s a coin *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
79. b_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
80. vegetable ca_____le *n.* a dish made by cooking food, typically meat, vegetables, and a starch, such as potatoes or pasta, in a deep dish either in the oven or on the stovetop; the dish itself that is used for cooking and serving the dish
81. co_____t website *n.* a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand
82. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
83. sl_____lk through life *v.* to walk about or perform other physical activities while asleep or in a sleep-like state; to engage in automatic behavior while asleep
84. mar_____ow fluff *n.* a spongy confection made from sugar, corn syrup, and gelatin, often flavored with vanilla and molded into shapes or used as a topping or decoration for desserts

ANSWERS: 77. corporate, 78. toss, 79. bud, 80. casserole, 81. copycat, 82. defy, 83. sleepwalk, 84. marshmallow

85. da___g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
86. f__d a river *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
87. d_n of traffic *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
88. chocolate pr____l *n.* a type of baked bread product that is twisted into a knot-like shape, usually sprinkled with salt, and often served as a snack or appetizer
89. optical il____on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
90. a fi___e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
91. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
92. un_____ke cake *v.* to cook something, usually baked goods, for less time than is required, resulting in it being insufficiently cooked and not fully set or developed
93. excessively su___y *adj.* having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere
94. h__m of a ship *n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat
95. fl___r enhancer *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

ANSWERS: 85. daring, 86. ford, 87. din, 88. pretzel, 89. illusion, 90. fierce, 91. twist, 92. underbake, 93. sugary, 94. helm, 95. flavor

96. an una_____ng fashion *adj.* not arrogant, bold, or forward
97. friendly rec_____ist *n.* a person employed at a front desk or in a waiting area of an office, hotel, or other organization, whose job is to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other general administrative tasks
98. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
99. co___y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
100. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
101. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
102. cel_____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
103. an interstate hi_____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
104. un_____ke bread *v.* to cook something, usually baked goods, for less time than is required, resulting in it being insufficiently cooked and not fully set or developed
105. m__t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
106. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

ANSWERS: 96. unassuming, 97. receptionist, 98. nostalgia, 99. county, 100. norm, 101. entertainment, 102. celebrated, 103. highway, 104. underbake, 105. melt, 106. grind

107. di____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
108. co____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
109. business da____rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
110. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
111. a material wi____s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
112. the il____on of being in the forest *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
113. di____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
114. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
115. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
116. su____y treat *adj.* having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere
117. py____d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 107. display, 108. confuse, 109. dashboard, 110. chew, 111. witness, 112. illusion, 113. disappear, 114. giant, 115. sneak, 116. sugary, 117. pyramid

118. consult a de____t *n.* a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth
119. con_____on center *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
120. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
121. easy de____t recipe *n.* a sweet food served as the last course of a meal
122. una_____ng appearance *adj.* not arrogant, bold, or forward
123. n__h menu *n.* food, especially a snack or light meal; a small amount of food or a tasty treat
124. cold ce____l *n.* a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals
125. political con_____on *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
126. run a gr____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
127. c__f knife *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
128. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

ANSWERS: 118. dentist, 119. convention, 120. sect, 121. dessert, 122. unassuming, 123. nosh, 124. cereal, 125. convention, 126. grocery, 127. chef, 128. grind

129. chicken ca_____le *n.* a dish made by cooking food, typically meat, vegetables, and a starch, such as potatoes or pasta, in a deep dish either in the oven or on the stovetop; the dish itself that is used for cooking and serving the dish
130. across a f__d *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
131. draw out a sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
132. geographical bo_____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
133. f_y over low heat *v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil
134. f_g marigold *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
135. oozing g_o *n.* a sticky or slimy substance, often of indeterminate or unknown composition; a slang term used to describe something messy, chaotic, or confusing
136. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
137. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
138. gross pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

ANSWERS: 129. casserole, 130. ford, 131. scheme, 132. boundary, 133. fry, 134. fig, 135. goo, 136. handle, 137. inspiration, 138. profit

139. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
140. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
141. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
142. a delicate fl___r *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
143. mu___r at low wages *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
144. ap__n strings *n.* a protective garment covering the front part of the body and tied at the waist, worn while cooking, working, or performing other activities
145. ha_____y decent job *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
146. a he___c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
147. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
148. bu___e down to study *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

ANSWERS: 139. ritual, 140. transform, 141. disappear, 142. flavor, 143. murmur, 144. apron, 145. halfway, 146. heroic, 147. aisle, 148. buckle

149. the degree of pu___y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
150. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
151. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
152. ma__y beer *adj.* having the flavor or aroma of malt, which is a grain that has been germinated and then dried and is used in brewing and distilling to create beer, whiskey, and other beverages
153. hotel rec_____ist *n.* a person employed at a front desk or in a waiting area of an office, hotel, or other organization, whose job is to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other general administrative tasks
154. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
155. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
156. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
157. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 149. purity, 150. inspiration, 151. opportune, 152. malty, 153. receptionist, 154. boundary, 155. obsess, 156. defy, 157. sect

158. auto da_____rd *n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
159. 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
160. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
161. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
162. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
163. pinch off a b_d *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
164. co_____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
165. du__y bookshelf *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
166. the eq_____on of poverty with ignorance *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

ANSWERS: 158. dashboard, 159. fancy, 160. wit, 161. obsess, 162. profit, 163. bud, 164. conjure, 165. dusty, 166. equation

167. do__h for pastry *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
168. mar_____ow treat *n.* a spongy confection made from sugar, corn syrup, and gelatin, often flavored with vanilla and molded into shapes or used as a topping or decoration for desserts
169. a de_____t's office *n.* a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth
170. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
171. achieve spe_____ar growth *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
172. healthy n__h *n.* food, especially a snack or light meal; a small amount of food or a tasty treat
173. the taste of sa_____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
174. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
175. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
176. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
177. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
178. sub_____te teacher *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

ANSWERS: 167. dough, 168. marshmallow, 169. dentist, 170. industrious, 171. spectacular, 172. nosh, 173. saltiness, 174. intellect, 175. property, 176. crazy, 177. incredible, 178. substitute

179. m__t down gold *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
180. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
181. pi__y about details *adj.* overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences
182. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
183. the tw_____e of the stars *v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way
184. curry po____r *n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles
185. cu_____ry tradition *adj.* of or relating to cooking and the kitchen
186. steer the h__m *n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat
187. an in___e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
188. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

ANSWERS: 179. melt, 180. crack, 181. picky, 182. giant, 183. twinkle, 184. powder, 185. culinary, 186. helm, 187. insane, 188. aisle

189. re_____e at high speed *v.* to rotate around a central point
190. nu_____on condition *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
191. ruled by a ma_____ch *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
192. pr_____l stand *n.* a type of baked bread product that is twisted into a knot-like shape, usually sprinkled with salt, and often served as a snack or appetizer
193. make a da____g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
194. armed ro_____y *n.* the taking of property or money from a person, business, or institution by force, threat, or intimidation; a crime that involves theft or stealing
195. morning ri____l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
196. st_____ed muscles *adj.* tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
197. reb_____us spirit *adj.* characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary
198. con_____cy of results *n.* the quality of acting or being done in the same way over time; the quality of not containing any logical contradictions

ANSWERS: 189. revolve, 190. nutrition, 191. matriarch, 192. pretzel, 193. daring, 194. robbery, 195. ritual, 196. strained, 197. rebellious, 198. consistency

199. re_____e around a central axis *v.* to rotate around a central point
200. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
201. run a ba____y *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
202. po____r additive *n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles
203. he____c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
204. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
205. ma_____ch figure *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
206. pa____y chef *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
207. mu____r a greeting *v.* to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
208. in____t a clergyperson to a benefice *v.* to formally admit someone to a job or position of authority; to officially introduce someone to an organization or group, or beliefs or ideas

ANSWERS: 199. revolve, 200. equivalent, 201. bakery, 202. powder, 203. heroic, 204. magic, 205. matriarch, 206. pastry, 207. murmur, 208. induct

209. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
210. five degrees of fr__t *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
211. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
212. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
213. master c__f *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
214. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
215. di___e acid with water *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
216. di___e a great idea *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
217. scanty sus_____ce *n.* food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
218. awe_____ing painting *adj.* making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable
219. du__y road *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

ANSWERS: 209. extraordinary, 210. frost, 211. industrious, 212. ordinary, 213. chef, 214. spin, 215. dilute, 216. dilute, 217. sustenance, 218. awe-inspiring, 219. dusty

220. the form of a small pe___t *n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
221. fruit pa___y *n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes
222. fi___e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
223. pe___t stove *n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
224. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
225. 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
226. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
227. a chemical eq_____on *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
228. f_y an egg *v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil
229. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
230. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 220. pellet, 221. pastry, 222. fierce, 223. pellet, 224. operate, 225. decide, 226. award, 227. equation, 228. fry, 229. award, 230. grab

231. wi____s of the car accident *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
232. drink a to__t *n.* slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even
233. enhance the sa_____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
234. spe_____ar view *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
235. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
236. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
237. hour of ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
238. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
239. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
240. re___e collection *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
241. personality qu__k *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
242. d_p a pen in ink *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again

ANSWERS: 231. witness, 232. toast, 233. saltiness, 234. spectacular, 235. wit, 236. chew, 237. entertainment, 238. equivalent, 239. random, 240. recipe, 241. quirk, 242. dip

243. ba__y sweatpants *adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
244. in____ge on our property *v.* to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property
245. a qu__k of fate *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
246. fr__t line *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
247. go in___e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
248. na____y behavior *adj.* badly behaved; disobedient
249. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
250. mighty d_n *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
251. hos_____ty service *n.* the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers
252. va____a flavor *n.* a tropical climbing orchid of the genus Vanilla, particularly vanilla planifolia native to Mexico and Central America; a flavor derived from the vanilla bean, often used as a sweetening agent or condiment in desserts and beverages

ANSWERS: 243. baggy, 244. infringe, 245. quirk, 246. frost, 247. insane, 248. naughty, 249. chip, 250. din, 251. hospitality, 252. vanilla

253. throughout the co___y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
254. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
255. a ba__h of letters *n.* a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process
256. make a do___e plan *adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
257. co____t behavior *n.* a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand
258. di____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
259. petty ro____y *n.* the taking of property or money from a person, business, or institution by force, threat, or intimidation; a crime that involves theft or stealing
260. hi____y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
261. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 253. county, 254. handle, 255. batch, 256. doable, 257. copycat, 258. display, 259. robbery, 260. highway, 261. random

262. ba__h processing *n.* a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process
263. sl__e a tomato thin *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
264. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
265. st_____ed relationship *adj.* tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
266. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
267. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
268. pi__y personality *adj.* overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences
269. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
270. de_____t knife *n.* a sweet food served as the last course of a meal
271. f_g tree *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

ANSWERS: 262. batch, 263. slice, 264. magical, 265. strained, 266. decision, 267. property, 268. picky, 269. extraordinary, 270. dessert, 271. fig

272. re___e book

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

ANSWERS: 272. recipe

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This food contains all the _____ your dog requires.
n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
2. His _____ manner concealed his ambition.
adj. not arrogant, bold, or forward
3. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.
v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
4. He always _____ at the ill-treatment.
v. to say something very quietly; to complain about somebody or something under one's breath
5. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.
n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
6. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.
n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
7. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
8. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 1. nutrition, 2. unassuming, 3. conjured, 4. murmurs, 5. boundary, 6. highway, 7. industrious, 8. transformed

9. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
10. Her excessive demands drove me _____.
adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
11. The _____ thunders echoed across the plain.
adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening
12. The chef tied his _____ around his waist before starting to cook.
n. a protective garment covering the front part of the body and tied at the waist, worn while cooking, working, or performing other activities
13. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.
n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
14. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. The company accused their competitor of being a _____ and stealing its design.
n. a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand
16. Please ___ up a bucketful of water from the well.
v. to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again

ANSWERS: 9. equivalent, 10. insane, 11. fierce, 12. apron, 13. award, 14. opportune, 15. copycat, 16. dip

17. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate _____ turmoil in the stock market.
v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
18. 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
19. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.
v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape
20. He ate the dried _____ he had preserved.
n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
21. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.
v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
22. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
adj. of or relating to a large company
23. The convenience store was the scene of a _____ last night.
n. the taking of property or money from a person, business, or institution by force, threat, or intimidation; a crime that involves theft or stealing
24. The _____ arts program at the school was highly regarded for its innovative curriculum.
adj. of or relating to cooking and the kitchen

ANSWERS: 17. sparked, 18. fancy, 19. twisted, 20. figs, 21. defy, 22. corporate, 23. robbery, 24. culinary

25. She tasted the dish and detected a slight _____.
- n.* the quality or state of being salty
26. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.
- n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
27. My _____ eater only likes to eat certain types of vegetables.
- adj.* overly particular or selective, especially about food or other consumable goods; difficult to please or satisfy because of one's specific tastes or preferences
28. The tornado is _____ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.
- v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
29. I prefer _____ clothes to tight-fitting ones.
- adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing
30. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
31. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
32. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.
- n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

ANSWERS: 25. saltiness, 26. chip, 27. picky, 28. spinning, 29. baggy, 30. norms, 31. inspiration, 32. ritual

33. My little sister loves to have _____ parties with her friends on the weekends.
n. a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
34. The flower was starting to show its ____ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.
n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
35. I packed a small ____ of crackers and cheese for my mid-morning snack.
n. food, especially a snack or light meal; a small amount of food or a tasty treat
36. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.
n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
37. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
n. a thing or things that belong to someone
38. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.
adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes
39. The _____ of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.
n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
40. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
41. The _____ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.
n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

ANSWERS: 33. pajama, 34. bud, 35. nosh, 36. county's, 37. property, 38. celebrated, 39. matriarch, 40. crazy, 41. recipe

42. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
43. In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic _____.
n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
44. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.
adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
45. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.
n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
46. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.
v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
47. I avoid eating _____ foods to maintain a healthy diet.
adj. having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere
48. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.
n. a shop that sells food and other household items
49. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 42. sect, 43. equations, 44. heroic, 45. illusion, 46. instructed, 47. sugary, 48. grocery, 49. incredible

50. The _____ gun was used to shoot small metal balls.

n. a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic

51. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

52. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

53. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

54. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

55. They met at biennial _____.

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

56. The patient was prescribed a _____ supplement to help prevent osteoporosis.

n. a chemical element with the symbol Ca and atomic number 20, which is an important mineral for the human body

57. We were _____ into the honor society.

v. to formally admit someone to a job or position of authority; to officially introduce someone to an organization or group, or beliefs or ideas

58. The _____ on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.

n. a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing

ANSWERS: 50. pellet, 51. random, 52. confused, 53. folk, 54. giant, 55. conventions, 56. calcium, 57. inducted, 58. frost

59. I love snacking on _____ while watching a movie at home.

n. a type of baked bread product that is twisted into a knot-like shape, usually sprinkled with salt, and often served as a snack or appetizer

60. We all should learn how to _____ stress.

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

61. The moment the glacier collapses is an _____ sight.

adj. making you feel great respect or admiration through being impressive or formidable

62. She _____ the concentrated juice with water.

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

63. I accidentally _____ the cookies, which turned out doughy in the middle.

v. to cook something, usually baked goods, for less time than is required, resulting in it being insufficiently cooked and not fully set or developed

64. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

65. The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a _____ downstream where the water was shallower.

n. a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

66. The beer had a delicious _____ flavor that was perfect for my meal.

adj. having the flavor or aroma of malt, which is a grain that has been germinated and then dried and is used in brewing and distilling to create beer, whiskey, and other beverages

ANSWERS: 59. pretzels, 60. handle, 61. awe-inspiring, 62. diluted, 63. underbaked, 64. scheme, 65. ford, 66. malty

67. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.
- v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
68. She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make _____ for the bread.
- n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
69. He noticed that the oil warning light on the _____ of his car had turned on.
- n.* a control panel set within the central console of a vehicle or small aircraft; a diagram that depicts critical information, typically one that provides a business overview
70. The _____ at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.
- n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
71. The manufacturing industry is _____ fierce competition.
- n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
72. The Earth _____ around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.
- v.* to rotate around a central point
73. The Egyptian _____ consist of a vast number of blocks.
- n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
74. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.
- n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

ANSWERS: 67. sneak, 68. dough, 69. dashboard, 70. chef, 71. witnessing, 72. revolves, 73. pyramids, 74. aisle

75. Our company is looking to hire a bilingual _____ to serve our diverse clients better.
- n.* a person employed at a front desk or in a waiting area of an office, hotel, or other organization, whose job is to greet visitors, answer phones, and perform other general administrative tasks
76. The severe heat wave _____ railway tracks.
- v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
77. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.
- v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
78. They _____ conduct fire drills to ensure everyone in the building knows what to do in an emergency.
- adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected
79. The famous restaurant stands _____ up the hill.
- adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
80. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
- v.* to cease to exist or be visible
81. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
- n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
82. I love the taste of _____ ice cream.
- n.* a tropical climbing orchid of the genus *Vanilla*, particularly *vanilla planifolia* native to Mexico and Central America; a flavor derived from the vanilla bean, often used as a sweetening agent or condiment in desserts and beverages

ANSWERS: 75. receptionist, 76. buckled, 77. operate, 78. routinely, 79. halfway, 80. disappear, 81. magic, 82. vanilla

83. He worked at the _____ as a baker.

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

84. 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

85. I baked a _____ of cookies for the office party.

n. a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process

86. My sister used to _____ as a child, but she eventually outgrew it.

v. to walk about or perform other physical activities while asleep or in a sleep-like state; to engage in automatic behavior while asleep

87. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

88. There's no _____ in his arguments.

n. the quality of acting or being done in the same way over time; the quality of not containing any logical contradictions

89. I will bring a _____ dish to the potluck dinner.

n. a dish made by cooking food, typically meat, vegetables, and a starch, such as potatoes or pasta, in a deep dish either in the oven or on the stovetop; the dish itself that is used for cooking and serving the dish

90. The _____ of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

ANSWERS: 83. bakery, 84. decide, 85. batch, 86. sleepwalk, 87. melted, 88. consistency, 89. casserole, 90. flavor

91. She had to _____ the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

- v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

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

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

93. This project is _____ despite the tight schedule.

- adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

94. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.

- n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

95. She roasted _____ over the campfire.

- n.* a spongy confection made from sugar, corn syrup, and gelatin, often flavored with vanilla and molded into shapes or used as a topping or decoration for desserts

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

- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

97. I always start my morning with a bowl of _____.

- n.* a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals

98. The chef's specialty is a savory _____ with spinach and feta cheese.

- n.* a baked food made of flour, fat, water, and sometimes eggs, sugar, and other ingredients, used as a base or casing for sweet or savory dishes

ANSWERS: 91. grind, 92. crack, 93. doable, 94. entertainment, 95. marshmallows, 96. magical, 97. cereal, 98. pastry

99. Let's go to an all-you-can-eat _____ restaurant.

n. a sweet food served as the last course of a meal

100. The ship's captain took the _____ and charted a course through the stormy waters.

n. the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat

101. My memory will _____ but my heart will live on.

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

102. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

103. We made a _____ with everyone.

n. slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even

104. He has the _____ to keep talking about this topic.

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

105. The company promised not to _____ on any of its competitor's patents.

v. to violate or break a rule, law, or agreement, often by trespassing or infringing on someone else's rights or property

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

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

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

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

ANSWERS: 99. dessert, 100. helm, 101. fade, 102. spectacular, 103. toast, 104. wit, 105. infringe, 106. tossed, 107. decision

108. One of her _____ is that she always wears mismatched socks.

- n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

109. My dog loves to _____ on bones.

- v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

110. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

111. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

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

112. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

- v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

113. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.

- n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

114. The science experiment involved mixing various liquids to create a bubbling _____.

- n.* a sticky or slimy substance, often of indeterminate or unknown composition; a slang term used to describe something messy, chaotic, or confusing

115. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.

- n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

ANSWERS: 108. quirks, 109. chew, 110. grab, 111. obsessed, 112. display, 113. nostalgia, 114. goo, 115. purity

116. Her choices become increasingly _____ and creative.

adj. brave and taking risks

117. We could grill the meat in a _____ way.

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

118. Her _____ attitude often got her into trouble with the school authorities.

adj. characterized by a tendency to rebel or resist authority or conventions; inclined to do the opposite of what is expected or customary

119. She used a _____ brush to apply her foundation evenly.

n. a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles

120. The musician's face showed a _____ expression as he struggled to hit the high note.

adj. tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness

121. The child was being _____ and would not listen to his mother.

adj. badly behaved; disobedient

122. The ____ of the city was overwhelming.

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

123. The hotel is known for its exceptional _____.

n. the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers

124. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

ANSWERS: 116. daring, 117. delicious, 118. rebellious, 119. powder, 120. strained, 121. naughty, 122. din, 123. hospitality, 124. extraordinary

125. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

126. I _____ skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.

n. a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

127. I am going to the family _____ to get my teeth cleaned.

n. a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth

128. His eyes _____ with mischief.

v. to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

129. A regular job is often a spiritual _____.

n. food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

130. The children complained because one _____ of cake was slightly larger than the other.

n. a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting

131. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

132. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 125. slightly, 126. substitute, 127. dentist, 128. twinkled, 129. sustenance, 130. slice, 131. ordinary, 132. intellect

133. The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of _____ debris.

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

134. She devoted herself to _____ the chicken in a pan until it was crispy and golden brown.

v. to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil

135. This business yields little _____.

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

136. The wizard spoke the ancient _____ and the stone door slowly began to open.

n. a word or incantation used in magical or enchanting spells, often in popular culture and entertainment; anything that is mysterious or unexplainable

ANSWERS: 133. dusty, 134. frying, 135. profit, 136. abracadabra,