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Session 1: Word List

ache

v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

synonym: hurt, throb, smart

(1) **ache** abominably, (2) **ache** all the time

I **ache** all over after running a marathon yesterday.

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.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym: antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

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.

libido

n. the instinctual energy or drive that fuels sexual desire and behavior

synonym: sexual desire, sex drive, passion

(1) **libido** disorder, (2) **libido** in a woman

The therapist helped her patient work through her issues with her low **libido**.

stall

v. to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

synonym: halt, hamper, (noun) cubicle

(1) **stall** at sea, (2) **stall** in a tunnel

The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally **stalled**.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym: score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

breath

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

synonym: air, puff, whiff

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

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

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

erect

v. to construct or build something; to cause to rise;
(adjective) upright or vertical

synonym: build, set up, construct

(1) **erect** structure, (2) keep the flagpole **erect**

The workers were able to **erect** the tent in just a few minutes.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

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.

attractive

adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

synonym : beautiful, fetching, alluring

(1) **attractive** men, (2) **attractive** opportunity

The growth of the "sharing economy" is **attractive** for tech companies.

emerge

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

synonym : arise, occur, appear

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

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

erotic

adj. relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative

synonym : sensual, arousing, sexy

(1) **erotic** novel, (2) **erotic** dance

The painting contained subtle **erotic** undertones.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym : center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym : ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

predictable

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

synonym : foreseeable, expectable, likely

(1) **predictable** pattern, (2) in a **predictable** manner

The economy becomes more volatile and less **predictable**.

stale

adj. no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
synonym : old, uninteresting, dull

(1) a **stale** joke, (2) **stale** smell

The bread was **stale** and not fit for eating.

drain

v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
synonym : draw off, bleed

(1) **drain** water from the swamp, (2) **drain** excess liquid

Push the button and let the water **drain** away.

arouse

v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
synonym : excite, stimulate, stir

(1) **arouse** desire, (2) **arouse** suspicion

The rousing speech by the politician **aroused** the audience to action.

runway

n. the catwalk or platform where models walk to display clothing or other fashion items during a fashion show; a strip of hard ground along which planes take off and land;

synonym : strip, landing field, tarmac

(1) **runway** lighting, (2) **runway** show

The model strutted down the **runway** during the fashion show.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym : fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

orgasm

n. the peak of sexual pleasure during sexual activity, which typically involves intense physical and emotional sensations

synonym: climax, peak, ejaculation

(1) experience **orgasm**, (2) genital **orgasm**

Upon reaching **orgasm**, the body releases a surge of hormones, including oxytocin and endorphins.

reaction

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

synonym: response, reply, answer

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

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

relation

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

synonym: association, linkage, connection

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

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

stimulus

n. something that causes growth or arouses action

synonym: incitement, inspiration, motivation

(1) a response to a **stimulus**, (2) economic **stimulus**

This book provides children with ideas and a **stimulus** for outside recreation.

vitality

n. the state of being strong and active; energy

synonym: energy, life, vigor

(1) **vitality** of youth, (2) the **vitality** of the company

The new gym membership has improved his **vitality** and

overall health.

deliberate

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

synonym: intentional, planned, careful

(1) the **deliberate** act of provocation, (2) **deliberate** attempt
Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was **deliberate** about invasion.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym: alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

drift

v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

synonym: float, wander, freewheel

(1) **drift** down the stream, (2) **drift** away on a raft

I **drifted** around for years in Europe before going to university.

sexless

adj. lacking or having little sexual activity or expression; not displaying or emphasizing sexuality

synonym: asexual, neuter, ungendered

(1) **sexless** insect, (2) a **sexless** relationship

The asexual plant was **sexless** and did not require pollination to reproduce.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym: deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**
I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

assignment

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

synonym: task, duty, designation

(1) finish the **assignment**, (2) **assignment** of interest
My **assignment** was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something

synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

role-play

v. to act out or play a particular role, situation, or scenario, typically as part of a training or educational process or as a form of entertainment; (noun) an activity in which people act out or assume the roles of characters or situations, often for learning, practicing, or entertainment

synonym: act out, simulate, dramatize

(1) **role-play** a conversation, (2) **role-play** exercise

We had to **role-play** a difficult customer service scenario during our training session.

scenario

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

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

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

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

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym : fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

sham

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

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

inhibit

v. to prevent something, such as an action, process, etc., from happening or make it less likely to happen than normal

synonym : deter, hinder, impede

(1) **inhibit** desires, (2) **inhibit** tumor growth

Excessive parental interference may **inhibit** children's eagerness to learn.

willingness

n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something

synonym : readiness, eagerness, enthusiasm

(1) **willingness** to help, (2) indicate a **willingness** to change

Her **willingness** to help others earned her many friends.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

podcast

n. a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player

(1) football **podcast**, (2) listen to a **podcast**

Our **podcast** was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.

ethics

n. a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong

synonym: morals, principles, moralities

(1) political **ethics**, (2) **ethics** of journalism

This scripture provides the code of **ethics** for the religion.

pornography

n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

synonym: obscenity, indecency, smut

(1) **pornography** addiction, (2) violent **pornography**

The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of **pornography** easier than ever before.

heterosexual

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

synonym: straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

boost

v. to improve, raise, or increase something

synonym: raise, advance, promote

(1) **boost** the economy, (2) **boost** flexibility

The new service helped **boost** net income by 10%.

tune

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

synonym : melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

(1) the **tune** of a song, (2) **tune** a piano

The band played a beautiful **tune** on their instruments.

stressor

n. something that causes stress or emotional tension

synonym : pressure, strain, burden

(1) **stressor** event, (2) **stressor** management

The deadline for the project was a major **stressor** for the team.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

breastfeeding

n. the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts

synonym : nursing, lactation, suckling

(1) **breastfeeding** mother, (2) **breastfeeding** support

Getting the hang of **breastfeeding** at first can be challenging, but with patience and practice, it gets easier.

blast

n. explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

synonym : blow, burst, explosion

(1) a **blast** of wind, (2) an icy **blast**

The **blast** shattered the laboratory equipment.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

conversation

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

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

tickle

v. to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

synonym : titillate, make laugh

(1) **tickle** his ribs, (2) **tickle** her vanity

These models explain why you can't **tickle** yourself.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym : torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

lingerie

n. women's underwear and nightclothes, particularly those that are delicate, lacy, or designed to be aesthetically pleasing

synonym : undergarments, underclothes, intimates

(1) **lingerie** store, (2) elegant **lingerie**

Her bridal shower gift was a beautiful set of **lingerie**.

handcuff

- n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

synonym : shackle, bind, restraint

- (1) **handcuff** his wrists, (2) break free from **handcuffs**

The police officer put **handcuffs** on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.

blindfold

- n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

- (1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge

The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

inert

- adj.* lacking the ability to move or act, often used to describe an object or substance that is inactive or non-reactive

synonym : motionless, inactive, dormant

- (1) **inert** gases, (2) **inert** ingredients

The rock was completely **inert** and didn't react when we tried to break it open.

tap

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

synonym : knock, exploit, use

- (1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

jack

- n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

synonym : lever, crank, wrench

(1) a **jack** of all trades, (2) a line-in **jack**
He used a **jack** to lift the car to change the tire.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something
synonym: center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity
These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

uniquely

adv. in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others

synonym: singularly, exclusively, distinctively

(1) play a **uniquely** important role, (2) **uniquely** different
The painting is **uniquely** painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.

childbirth

n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby

synonym: delivery, labor, parturition

(1) natural **childbirth**, (2) assisted **childbirth**
He was present at the **childbirth** of his children.

delivery

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

synonym: sending, transporting, bringing

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

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**
The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

dominatrix

n. a woman who takes on the dominant role in a BDSM (bondage, discipline, sadism, and masochism) relationship, often providing pleasure or inflicting pain on the submissive partner

synonym: domme, mistress, lady of the dungeon

(1) **dominatrix** role-play, (2) **dominatrix** outfit

The female **dominatrix** entered the dungeon in her leather outfit and wielded a whip.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

chaotic

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

synonym: disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

lull

n. a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation

synonym: calm, stillness, tranquility

(1) **lull** in the battle, (2) the **lull** before the storm

The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing **lull** on the listeners.

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.

shallow

adj. not having much distance from the top to the bottom
synonym: superficial, external, surface

(1) **shallow** people, (2) **shallow** water

Shallow brooks are noisier than deep rivers.

intermediate

adj. situated between two locations, things, states, etc.;
around the middle of a scale of evaluation

synonym: middle, medium, central

(1) **intermediate** sanction, (2) **intermediate** level

Purple is **intermediate** between blue and red.

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.

splash

v. to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially
with force

synonym: scatter, dash, gurgle

(1) **splash** water, (2) **splash** everywhere

The mountain was **splashed** with snow.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

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.

bunch

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

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym : subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

boredom

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

synonym : ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

brink

n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

synonym : edge, verge, threshold

(1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**

We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.

vast

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

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

antidote

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym : remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging
Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

blank

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

synonym : empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

blush

v. to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

synonym : flush, redden, glow

(1) **blush** bright red, (2) **blush** for my mistake

She **blushed** when the boy complimented her.

subconscious

adj. relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

synonym : unconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subconscious** influence, (2) **subconscious** behavior

The **subconscious** mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

nugget

n. a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food

synonym : chunk, clod, clump

(1) a gold **nugget**, (2) **nugget** of truth

It took a few weeks to extract the **nugget** of information from those complicated sources.

Session 2: Spelling

1. dr__t down the stream *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
2. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
3. bo__t flexibility *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
4. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
5. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
6. nu___t of truth *n.* a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food
7. indicate a wil_____ss to change *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
8. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
9. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
10. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

ANSWERS: 1. drift, 2. vulnerable, 3. boost, 4. emotional, 5. survey, 6. nugget, 7. willingness, 8. desire, 9. courage, 10. distract

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| 11. li___o disorder | <i>n.</i> the instinctual energy or drive that fuels sexual desire and behavior |
| 12. genital or___m | <i>n.</i> the peak of sexual pleasure during sexual activity, which typically involves intense physical and emotional sensations |
| 13. st___l in a tunnel | <i>v.</i> to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area |
| 14. special de____ry | <i>n.</i> the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth |
| 15. co____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 16. a___e abominably | <i>v.</i> to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain |
| 17. the mi____t in an education system | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone |
| 18. ti___e her vanity | <i>v.</i> to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh |
| 19. a response to a st____us | <i>n.</i> something that causes growth or arouses action |
| 20. de____p a skill | <i>v.</i> to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created |

ANSWERS: 11. libido, 12. orgasm, 13. stall, 14. delivery, 15. confuse, 16. ache, 17. mindset, 18. tickle, 19. stimulus, 20. develop

21. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
22. an en____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
23. st____or event *n.* something that causes stress or emotional tension
24. wil_____ss to help *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
25. 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
26. li___o in a woman *n.* the instinctual energy or drive that fuels sexual desire and behavior
27. the worst case sc____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
28. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
29. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
30. inspire co____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
31. vi____ty of youth *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
32. st__l at sea *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

ANSWERS: 21. sham, 22. engaging, 23. stressor, 24. willingness, 25. boundary, 26. libido, 27. scenario, 28. confuse, 29. fascinating, 30. courage, 31. vitality, 32. stall

33. er___c novel *adj.* relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative
34. ass_____nt of interest *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
35. ch_____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
36. ru___y lighting *n.* the catwalk or platform where models walk to display clothing or other fashion items during a fashion show; a strip of hard ground along which planes take off and land;
37. elegant li_____ie *n.* women's underwear and nightclothes, particularly those that are delicate, lacy, or designed to be aesthetically pleasing
38. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
39. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
40. football po_____t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
41. bl_____ld game *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

ANSWERS: 33. erotic, 34. assignment, 35. chaotic, 36. runway, 37. lingerie, 38. torture, 39. bunch, 40. podcast, 41. blindfold

42. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
43. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
44. care pa___a *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
45. finish the ass_____nt *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
46. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
47. a__e all the time *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
48. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
49. the t__e of a song *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
50. th_____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
51. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
52. 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
53. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
54. a line-in j__k *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

ANSWERS: 42. bunch, 43. committed, 44. pajama, 45. assignment, 46. dare, 47. ache, 48. topic, 49. tune, 50. therapy, 51. importance, 52. boundary, 53. engaging, 54. jack

55. dr__t away on a raft *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
56. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
57. bl__h bright red *v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
58. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
59. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
60. d__e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
61. er___c dance *adj.* relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative
62. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
63. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
64. economic st_____us *n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
65. keep the flagpole er__t *v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical

ANSWERS: 55. drift, 56. conversation, 57. blush, 58. launch, 59. blame, 60. dare, 61. erotic, 62. tap, 63. terrify, 64. stimulus, 65. erect

66. int_____ate sanction *adj.* situated between two locations, things, states, etc.; around the middle of a scale of evaluation
67. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
68. hold your br___h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
69. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
70. ro_____ay a conversation *v.* to act out or play a particular role, situation, or scenario, typically as part of a training or educational process or as a form of entertainment; (noun) an activity in which people act out or assume the roles of characters or situations, often for learning, practicing, or entertainment
71. a gold nu___t *n.* a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food
72. an easy de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
73. ar___e desire *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
74. a j__k of all trades *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

ANSWERS: 66. intermediate, 67. judge, 68. breath, 69. relation, 70. role-play, 71. nugget, 72. delivery, 73. arouse, 74. jack

75. pa___a pants *n.* a pair of loose pants with a matching top, worn for sleeping or lounging
76. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
77. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
78. dr__n excess liquid *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
79. bl__h for my mistake *v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
80. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
81. a se_____s relationship *adj.* lacking or having little sexual activity or expression; not displaying or emphasizing sexuality
82. d_p a pen in ink *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
83. in__t gases *adj.* lacking the ability to move or act, often used to describe an object or substance that is inactive or non-reactive
84. chronic bo_____m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
85. sub_____ous behavior *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

ANSWERS: 75. pajama, 76. vulnerable, 77. fantasy, 78. drain, 79. blush, 80. desire, 81. sexless, 82. dip, 83. inert, 84. boredom, 85. subconscious

86. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
87. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
88. et___s of journalism *n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
89. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
90. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
91. the an_____te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
92. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
93. the c___e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
94. int_____ate level *adj.* situated between two locations, things, states, etc.; around the middle of a scale of evaluation
95. boys in the twelfth gr___e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

ANSWERS: 86. survey, 87. torture, 88. ethics, 89. imaginary, 90. tap, 91. antidote, 92. emerge, 93. core, 94. intermediate, 95. grade

96. l__l in the battle *n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
97. er__t structure *v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
98. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
99. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
100. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
101. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
102. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
103. sh_____w water *adj.* not having much distance from the top to the bottom
104. violent por_____hy *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
105. bl_____ld challenge *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

ANSWERS: 96. lull, 97. erect, 98. topic, 99. scenario, 100. core, 101. mindset, 102. blame, 103. shallow, 104. pornography, 105. blindfold

106. nu____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
107. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
108. mu____e objects *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
109. del_____te attempt *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
110. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
111. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
112. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
113. an icy bl__t *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
114. sp___h water *v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
115. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
116. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
117. sub_____ous influence *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

ANSWERS: 106. nurture, 107. emerge, 108. mundane, 109. deliberate, 110. sham, 111. imaginary, 112. pivot, 113. blast, 114. splash, 115. psychology, 116. importance, 117. subconscious

118. in_____t desires *v.* to prevent something, such as an action, process, etc., from happening or make it less likely to happen than normal
119. ro_____ay exercise *v.* to act out or play a particular role, situation, or scenario, typically as part of a training or educational process or as a form of entertainment; (noun) an activity in which people act out or assume the roles of characters or situations, often for learning, practicing, or entertainment
120. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
121. ar_____e suspicion *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
122. fa_____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
123. br__k of war *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
124. bo_____m relief *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
125. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 118. inhibit, 119. role-play, 120. nurture, 121. arouse, 122. fantasy, 123. brink, 124. boredom, 125. pun

126. fas_____ng story	<i>adj.</i> extremely interesting
127. natural chi_____th	<i>n.</i> the act or process of giving birth to a baby
128. att_____ve men	<i>adj.</i> immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
129. assisted chi_____th	<i>n.</i> the act or process of giving birth to a baby
130. psy_____gy experiment	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior
131. mu_____e affairs	<i>adj.</i> very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
132. het_____ual relationship	<i>adj.</i> attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
133. bre_____ing support	<i>n.</i> the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts
134. st_____or management	<i>n.</i> something that causes stress or emotional tension
135. te_____y people	<i>v.</i> to frighten someone very much
136. re_____on between cause and effect	<i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
137. se_____s insect	<i>adj.</i> lacking or having little sexual activity or expression; not displaying or emphasizing sexuality
138. bl__k expression	<i>adj.</i> without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

ANSWERS: 126. fascinating, 127. childbirth, 128. attractive, 129. childbirth, 130. psychology, 131. mundane, 132. heterosexual, 133. breastfeeding, 134. stressor, 135. terrify, 136. relation, 137. sexless, 138. blank

139. por_____hy addiction *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
140. att_____ve opportunity *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
141. br____h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
142. ha_____ff his wrists *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
143. un_____ly different *adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
144. sp____h everywhere *v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
145. la____h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
146. consult a de_____t *n.* a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth

ANSWERS: 139. pornography, 140. attractive, 141. breath, 142. handcuff, 143. uniquely, 144. splash, 145. launch, 146. dentist

147. em_____ze a direct relationship *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
148. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
149. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
150. experience or___m *n.* the peak of sexual pleasure during sexual activity, which typically involves intense physical and emotional sensations
151. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
152. a st__e joke *adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
153. the del_____te act of provocation *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
154. the ch_____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
155. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

ANSWERS: 147. emphasize, 148. judge, 149. conversation, 150. orgasm, 151. develop, 152. stale, 153. deliberate, 154. chaotic, 155. pivot

156. in a pre_____le manner *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
157. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
158. st__e smell *adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
159. bo__t the economy *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
160. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
161. field of gene th_____y *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
162. li_____ie store *n.* women's underwear and nightclothes, particularly those that are delicate, lacy, or designed to be aesthetically pleasing
163. the l__l before the storm *n.* a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
164. in__t ingredients *adj.* lacking the ability to move or act, often used to describe an object or substance that is inactive or non-reactive
165. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
166. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
167. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
168. in_____t tumor growth *v.* to prevent something, such as an action, process, etc., from happening or make it less likely to happen than normal

ANSWERS: 156. predictable, 157. emotional, 158. stale, 159. boost, 160. emphasize, 161. therapy, 162. lingerie, 163. lull, 164. inert, 165. grade, 166. vast, 167. entirely, 168. inhibit

169. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
170. dom_____ix role-play *n.* a woman who takes on the dominant role in a BDSM (bondage, discipline, sadism, and masochism) relationship, often providing pleasure or inflicting pain on the submissive partner
171. bl__k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
172. listen to a po_____t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
173. the an_____te for aging *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
174. political et____s *n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
175. the vi_____ty of the company *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
176. bre_____ing mother *n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts
177. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 169. reaction, 170. dominatrix, 171. blank, 172. podcast, 173. antidote, 174. ethics, 175. vitality, 176. breastfeeding, 177. pun

178. di____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
179. a bl__t of wind *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
180. dom_____ix outfit *n.* a woman who takes on the dominant role in a BDSM (bondage, discipline, sadism, and masochism) relationship, often providing pleasure or inflicting pain on the submissive partner
181. 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
182. t__e a piano *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
183. dr__n water from the swamp *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
184. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
185. pre_____le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
186. break free from ha_____fs *n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

ANSWERS: 178. distract, 179. blast, 180. dominatrix, 181. sect, 182. tune, 183. drain, 184. entirely, 185. predictable, 186. handcuff

187. chemical re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
188. ti___e his ribs *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
189. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
190. play a un____ly important role *adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
191. 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
192. ch__t in a game *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
193. d_p a chip in the sauce *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
194. a de____t's office *n.* a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth
195. ru___y show *n.* the catwalk or platform where models walk to display clothing or other fashion items during a fashion show; a strip of hard ground along which planes take off and land;
196. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

ANSWERS: 187. reaction, 188. tickle, 189. vast, 190. uniquely, 191. sect, 192. cheat, 193. dip, 194. dentist, 195. runway, 196. cheat

197. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
198. het_____ual marriage *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
199. sh_____w people *adj.* not having much distance from the top to the bottom
200. on the br__k *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

ANSWERS: 197. committed, 198. heterosexual, 199. shallow, 200. brink

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
adj. existing only in someone's mind
2. The deadline for the project was a major _____ for the team.
n. something that causes stress or emotional tension
3. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
4. Getting the hang of _____ at first can be challenging, but with patience and practice, it gets easier.
n. the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts
5. She had a master's degree in _____.
n. the scientific study of mind and behavior
6. He used a _____ to lift the car to change the tire.
n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
7. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.
v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
8. The therapist helped her patient work through her issues with her low _____.
n. the instinctual energy or drive that fuels sexual desire and behavior

ANSWERS: 1. imaginary, 2. stressor, 3. survey, 4. breastfeeding, 5. psychology, 6. jack, 7. cheated, 8. libido

9. I am going to the family _____ to get my teeth cleaned.
n. a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth
10. The mountain was _____ with snow.
v. to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
11. 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
12. The workers were able to _____ the tent in just a few minutes.
v. to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
13. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
14. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.
n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
15. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
16. The new service helped _____ net income by 10%.
v. to improve, raise, or increase something
17. He was present at the _____ of his children.
n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby

ANSWERS: 9. dentist, 10. splashed, 11. boundary, 12. erect, 13. vast, 14. delivery, 15. distract, 16. boost, 17. childbirth

18. Knowledge is the _____ to fear.
- n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
19. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
20. 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
21. This scripture provides the code of _____ for the religion.
- n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
22. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.
- n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
23. The rousing speech by the politician _____ the audience to action.
- v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
24. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
25. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
- n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

ANSWERS: 18. antidote, 19. tap, 20. sect, 21. ethics, 22. breath, 23. aroused, 24. launch, 25. mindset

26. The doctor administered a _____ test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.
- n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
27. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
- n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
28. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
- adv.* completely
29. Purple is _____ between blue and red.
- adj.* situated between two locations, things, states, etc.; around the middle of a scale of evaluation
30. The painting is _____ painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.
- adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
31. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of _____ reform.
- adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
32. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.
- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

ANSWERS: 26. blindfold, 27. judge, 28. entirely, 29. intermediate, 30. uniquely, 31. chaotic, 32. fantasy

33. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.
adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
34. I _____ around for years in Europe before going to university.
v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
35. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.
v. to have the courage to do something
36. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.
v. to give or show particular importance to something
37. Our _____ was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.
n. a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
38. The bread was _____ and not fit for eating.
adj. no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
39. 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
40. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
41. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

ANSWERS: 33. predictable, 34. drifted, 35. dare, 36. emphasize, 37. podcast, 38. stale, 39. pajama, 40. reaction, 41. importance

42. After returning from the war, he had a pretty _____ life.
adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
43. Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was _____ about invasion.
adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
44. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
45. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
46. The waves crashing against the shore had a soothing _____ on the listeners.
n. a period of calm or quiet; a temporary cessation of activity, noise, or music; a soothing sound or movement that induces sleep or relaxation
47. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
48. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
49. The _____ mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.
adj. relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

ANSWERS: 42. mundane, 43. deliberate, 44. relations, 45. sham, 46. lull, 47. therapy, 48. scenarios, 49. subconscious

50. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.
n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
51. This book provides children with ideas and a _____ for outside recreation.
n. something that causes growth or arouses action
52. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
53. Excessive parental interference may _____ children's eagerness to learn.
v. to prevent something, such as an action, process, etc., from happening or make it less likely to happen than normal
54. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
55. The growth of the "sharing economy" is _____ for tech companies.
adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
56. Upon reaching _____ the body releases a surge of hormones, including oxytocin and endorphins.
n. the peak of sexual pleasure during sexual activity, which typically involves intense physical and emotional sensations
57. The female _____ entered the dungeon in her leather outfit and wielded a whip.
n. a woman who takes on the dominant role in a BDSM (bondage, discipline, sadism, and masochism) relationship, often providing pleasure or inflicting pain on the submissive partner

ANSWERS: 50. assignment, 51. stimulus, 52. nurture, 53. inhibit, 54. pun, 55. attractive, 56. orgasm, 57. dominatrix

58. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

59. The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally _____.

v. to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

60. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

61. The band played a beautiful _____ on their instruments.

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

62. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.

v. to frighten someone very much

63. 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

64. The rock was completely _____ and didn't react when we tried to break it open.

adj. lacking the ability to move or act, often used to describe an object or substance that is inactive or non-reactive

65. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

66. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

ANSWERS: 58. fascinating, 59. stalled, 60. courage, 61. tune, 62. terrify, 63. dip, 64. inert, 65. grade, 66. conversation

67. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
68. We were on the _____ of a financial crisis.
n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
69. The team needed to come up with a _____ strategy to turn things around.
n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
70. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off _____.
n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
71. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
72. These models explain why you can't _____ yourself.
v. to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
73. The police officer put _____ on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.
n. a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

ANSWERS: 67. emotional, 68. brink, 69. pivot, 70. boredom, 71. develop, 72. tickle, 73. handcuffs

74. It took a few weeks to extract the _____ of information from those complicated sources.
- n.* a small piece of gold or other precious metal or mineral found ready-formed in the earth; a small round piece of some food
75. I _____ all over after running a marathon yesterday.
- v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
76. Her _____ to help others earned her many friends.
- n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
77. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
- v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
78. The model strutted down the _____ during the fashion show.
- n.* the catwalk or platform where models walk to display clothing or other fashion items during a fashion show; a strip of hard ground along which planes take off and land;
79. The _____ shattered the laboratory equipment.
- n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
80. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
81. She _____ when the boy complimented her.
- v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

ANSWERS: 74. nugget, 75. ache, 76. willingness, 77. emerged, 78. runway, 79. blast, 80. bunch, 81. blushed

82. _____ brooks are noisier than deep rivers.

adj. not having much distance from the top to the bottom

83. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

84. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

85. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

86. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

87. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

88. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

89. Her bridal shower gift was a beautiful set of _____.

n. women's underwear and nightclothes, particularly those that are delicate, lacy, or designed to be aesthetically pleasing

90. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

ANSWERS: 82. Shallow, 83. blank, 84. vulnerable, 85. confused, 86. topic, 87. committed, 88. desire, 89. lingerie, 90. cores

91. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.

- v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

92. The new gym membership has improved his _____ and overall health.

- n.* the state of being strong and active; energy

93. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.

- n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

94. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

- adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming

95. He identified as _____ and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

- adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

96. The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of _____ easier than ever before.

- n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

97. The asexual plant was _____ and did not require pollination to reproduce.

- adj.* lacking or having little sexual activity or expression; not displaying or emphasizing sexuality

98. We had to _____ a difficult customer service scenario during our training session.

- v.* to act out or play a particular role, situation, or scenario, typically as part of a training or educational process or as a form of entertainment; (noun) an activity in which people act out or assume the roles of characters or situations, often for learning, practicing, or entertainment

ANSWERS: 91. blamed, 92. vitality, 93. torture, 94. engaging, 95. heterosexual, 96.

pornography, 97. sexless, 98. role-play

99. Push the button and let the water _____ away.

v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

100. The painting contained subtle _____ undertones.

adj. relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative

ANSWERS: 99. drain, 100. erotic