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Session 1: Word List

flock

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

synonym: herd, crowd, assembly

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

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

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym: canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

wink

v. to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light

synonym: blink, flutter, twinkle

(1) **wink** at abuses, (2) **wink** away my tears

He couldn't help but **wink** at his wife during the boring

meeting to make her laugh.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym: being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

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.

tricky

adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

synonym: thorny, problematic, crafty

(1) **tricky** problem, (2) a **tricky** recipe to follow

We have discussed the entirety of this **tricky** problem.

shape-shifter

n. a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures

synonym: changer, transformer

(1) **shape-shifter** creature, (2) mythological **shape-shifter**

The **shape-shifter's** ability to transform into different creatures was fascinating and terrifying.

spider

n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

synonym : arachnid, wanderer

(1) **spider** venom, (2) web **spider**

The **spider** spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym : decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

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.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym : lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym : engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

lung

n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing

(1) **lung** capacity, (2) do **lung** transplantation

He has terminal **lung** cancer.

stool

n. a seat without a back or arms, typically used by one person; a piece of furniture with a flat top supported by one or more legs, used for working at or eating from; a piece of feces excreted from the body

synonym : seat, chair, feces

(1) **stool** seat, (2) **stool** analysis

The doctor asked me to provide a **stool** sample for testing.

hoot

v. to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound

synonym : jeer, taunt

(1) **hoot** the actor off the stage, (2) **hoot** a horn

The audience **hooted** with laughter at the comedian's jokes.

laughter

n. the act or sound of laughing

synonym : laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**

Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym : ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

leopard

n. a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

(1) snow **leopard**, (2) **leopard** print

Leopards lurked in the grass to catch their prey.

python

n. a nonvenomous snake found in Africa, Asia, and Australia, known for its ability to squeeze and suffocate its prey before swallowing it whole; a high-level programming language used for various purposes, often in scientific computing and data analysis

synonym : anaconda, boa, serpent

(1) **python** species, (2) **Python** programming

The African rock **python** can eat prey as large as antelopes and crocodiles.

hornet

n. a large, stinging insect, typically with a yellow and black striped body, that is related to wasps and bees

synonym: wasp, yellow jacket, bald-faced hornet

(1) murder **hornet**, (2) a **hornet** nest

We could hear the **hornet's** wings humming before we even saw it.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym: modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

grin

v. to smile broadly

synonym: smile, smirk, chuckle

(1) **grin** from ear to ear, (2) **grin** with pleasure

He couldn't help but **grin** as he remembered the good times.

scuttle

v. to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side

synonym: scamper, scurry, flee

(1) **scuttle** out of a room, (2) **scuttle** the treaty
The mice **scuttled** across the kitchen floor in search of food.

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?

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.

scoff

v. to laugh and talk about a person or idea in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or silly

synonym: mock, gibe, jeer

(1) **scoff** at a rumor, (2) **scoff** at the idea

We tend to **scoff** at the education, habits, and tastes of people from very different cultures.

bamboo

n. a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures

synonym: cane, reed, stem

(1) **bamboo** crafts, (2) **bamboo** flooring

The stalks of **bamboo** can grow up to a foot per day in optimal conditions.

lengthy

adj. tediously continuing for a long time; very long in time or size

synonym: extended, interminable, long

(1) to be a **lengthy** process, (2) **lengthy** load times

The **lengthy** medical treatment had weakened his muscles.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym : jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase
Canada **bounds** on the United States.

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym : closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget
The national election was held amid **tight** security.

pit

n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

synonym : hole, depression, indentation

(1) the bottomless **pit**, (2) the **pit** of the stomach

The **pit** of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

prowl

v. to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly

synonym : creep, sneak, lurch

(1) **prowl** the streets, (2) **prowl** for food

The predator began to **prowl** around the forest's edge, searching for prey.

mighty

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

synonym : potent, powerful, robust

(1) **mighty** works, (2) struck a **mighty** blow

Only the **mighty** God has the power to brighten this dark land.

scold

v. to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily

synonym : reprimand, rebuke, chastise

(1) **scold** him for being late, (2) **scold** in a loud voice

He **scolded** his employees for not meeting their deadlines.

rescue

v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

synonym: save, extricate, retrieve

(1) **rescue** a dying dog, (2) **rescue** a company from bankruptcy

The fire department arrived just in time to **rescue** the family from the burning building.

swift

adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

synonym: quick, speedy, brisk

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

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

jab

v. to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle

synonym: poke, prod, thrust

(1) **jab** a finger, (2) booster **jab**

The nurse had to **jab** the patient with a needle to give them the medicine.

buzz

v. to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one a bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

synonym: hum, murmur, whisper

(1) the **buzz** of a cicada, (2) **buzz** marketing

I heard the **buzz** of conversation from the next room.

cautiously

adv. in a careful and controlled way, especially to avoid problems or danger

synonym: carefully, warily, prudently

(1) **cautiously** optimistic, (2) proceed **cautiously**

He **cautiously** approached the cliff's edge, aware of the dangers of falling.

sting

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

synonym : bite, prick, poke

(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face

Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym : expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

spat

n. a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat

synonym : argument, disagreement, oyster

(1) minor **spat**, (2) clean up the **spat**

The **spat** between the two neighbors escalated into a heated argument.

swarm

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

synonym : horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**

A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

panic

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

synonym : confusion, hysteria, consternation

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

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

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym : push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

shelter

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

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

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

They need food and **shelter**.

gourd

n. large fruit with a hard, often ornamentally-shaped shell that is commonly used for food, decoration, or musical instruments

synonym : calabash, squash, pumpkin

(1) **gourd** soup, (2) decorative **gourd**

She carved a unique design into the **gourd** to create a decorative piece for her home.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

elusive

adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

synonym : mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

mischievous

adj. causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way

synonym : naughty, prankish, impish

(1) **mischievous** grin, (2) **mischievous** sense of humor

The **mischievous** child played pranks on his siblings all day long.

doll

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

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

sap

v. to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale

synonym : weaken, exhaust, drain

(1) **sap** flow, (2) **sap** strength

The disease has **sapped** all his energy, and he can barely get out of bed.

enrage

v. to make someone extremely angry

synonym : anger, incense, infuriate

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

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

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym : impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

- fist** *n.* a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist
synonym: clenched hand, knuckles, mitt
(1) tight **fist**, (2) raise a **fist**
The boxer clenched his **fist** before throwing a punch.
- stick** *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
synonym: pierce, adhere, stay
(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**
You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- sticky** *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
synonym: adhesive, gluey, clingy
(1) **sticky** weather, (2) **sticky** situation
A peculiar **sticky** material coated the foliage.
- wrap** *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
synonym: surround, cover, bandage
(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting
Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
- scoop** *n.* a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else
synonym: ladle, spoon, dipper
(1) a **scoop** of ice cream, (2) **scoop** of news
The company's marketing team worked hard to get the **scoop** on what their target audience wanted.

triumph

n. a great victory or achievement

synonym: victory, success, conquest

(1) **triumph** of democracy, (2) **triumph** of the spirit

The team's **triumph** in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym : coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

cunning

adj. clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily

synonym : sly, crafty, tricky

(1) **cunning** plan, (2) **cunning** thief

The **cunning** fox managed to elude the hunters and escape with his prey.

persist

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

synonym : endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

resourceful

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

synonym : inventive, imaginative, clever

(1) **resourceful** thinker, (2) **resourceful** cook in town

She was **resourceful** and found a solution to the problem on her own.

resistance

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

synonym : opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin

The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym : antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

testament

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

synonym : proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

Session 2: Spelling

1. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
2. s__n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
3. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
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6. the b__z of a cicada *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
7. anti-air raid sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
8. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

ANSWERS: 1. generation, 2. spin, 3. spirit, 4. sap, 5. hoot, 6. buzz, 7. shelter, 8. urge

9. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
10. g__n with pleasure *v.* to smile broadly
11. murder ho___t *n.* a large, stinging insect, typically with a yellow and black striped body, that is related to wasps and bees
12. st__g his face *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
13. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
14. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
15. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
16. struck a mi___y blow *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
17. 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
18. mythological sha_____ter *n.* a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures

ANSWERS: 9. swell, 10. grin, 11. hornet, 12. sting, 13. stick, 14. storytelling, 15. stick, 16. mighty, 17. decide, 18. shape-shifter

19. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
20. web sp___r *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
21. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
22. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
23. la_____er all around *n.* the act or sound of laughing
24. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
25. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
26. sc__f at the idea *v.* to laugh and talk about a person or idea in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or silly
27. tight f__t *n.* a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist
28. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 19. magic, 20. spider, 21. capture, 22. storytelling, 23. laughter, 24. belong, 25. swell, 26. scoff, 27. fist, 28. oppress

29. de____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
30. a ho____t nest *n.* a large, stinging insect, typically with a yellow and black striped body, that is related to wasps and bees
31. a sc____p of ice cream *n.* a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else
32. py____n species *n.* a nonvenomous snake found in Africa, Asia, and Australia, known for its ability to squeeze and suffocate its prey before swallowing it whole; a high-level programming language used for various purposes, often in scientific computing and data analysis
33. cu____g plan *adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
34. re____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
35. w__k at abuses *v.* to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light
36. do l__g transplantation *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
37. re____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 29. descend, 30. hornet, 31. scoop, 32. python, 33. cunning, 34. resolve, 35. wink, 36. lung, 37. reimagine

38. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
39. proceed cau_____ly *adv.* in a careful and controlled way, especially to avoid problems or danger
40. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
41. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
42. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
43. res_____ul thinker *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
44. mi_____y works *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
45. pe_____t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
46. the p_t of the stomach *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
47. pr__l for food *v.* to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly

ANSWERS: 38. disrespect, 39. cautiously, 40. resistance, 41. generation, 42. oppress, 43. resourceful, 44. mighty, 45. persist, 46. pit, 47. prowl

48. pe____t in success *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
49. g__n from ear to ear *v.* to smile broadly
50. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
51. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
52. a sw__m of mosquitoes *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
53. take sw__t action *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
54. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
55. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
56. to be a le____y process *adj.* tediously continuing for a long time; very long in time or size
57. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
58. locust sw__m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

ANSWERS: 48. persist, 49. grin, 50. bound, 51. trap, 52. swarm, 53. swift, 54. tight, 55. panic, 56. lengthy, 57. doll, 58. swarm

59. b__z marketing *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
60. pr__l the streets *v.* to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly
61. st__g me on the arm *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
62. en___e the international community *v.* to make someone extremely angry
63. give properties by te_____nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
64. j_b a finger *v.* to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle
65. st__l analysis *n.* a seat without a back or arms, typically used by one person; a piece of furniture with a flat top supported by one or more legs, used for working at or eating from; a piece of feces excreted from the body
66. sc__p of news *n.* a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else

ANSWERS: 59. buzz, 60. prowl, 61. sting, 62. enrage, 63. testament, 64. jab, 65. stool, 66. scoop

67. sc__d in a loud voice *v.* to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
68. le____d print *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
69. mean no dis____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
70. an ab___d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
71. de____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
72. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
73. ca____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
74. decorative go__d *n.* large fruit with a hard, often ornamentally-shaped shell that is commonly used for food, decoration, or musical instruments
75. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
76. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

ANSWERS: 67. scold, 68. leopard, 69. disrespect, 70. absurd, 71. descend, 72. tale, 73. capture, 74. gourd, 75. spirit, 76. symbol

77. raise a f__t *n.* a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist
78. s_p strength *v.* to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale
79. a tr___y recipe to follow *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
80. track down an el_____e fact *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
81. te_____nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
82. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
83. st___y weather *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
84. ba___o crafts *n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
85. sc__f at a rumor *v.* to laugh and talk about a person or idea in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or silly
86. cau_____ly optimistic *adv.* in a careful and controlled way, especially to avoid problems or danger
87. fl__k of spectator *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

ANSWERS: 77. fist, 78. sap, 79. tricky, 80. elusive, 81. testament, 82. confront, 83. sticky, 84. bamboo, 85. scoff, 86. cautiously, 87. flock

88. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
89. sc_____e out of a room *v.* to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side
90. cu_____g thief *adj.* clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily
91. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
92. sc_____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
93. tr____y problem *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
94. go__d soup *n.* large fruit with a hard, often ornamentally-shaped shell that is commonly used for food, decoration, or musical instruments
95. tr_____h of democracy *n.* a great victory or achievement
96. le_____y load times *adj.* tediously continuing for a long time; very long in time or size
97. sp____r venom *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

ANSWERS: 88. resolve, 89. scuttle, 90. cunning, 91. resistance, 92. scatter, 93. tricky, 94. gourd, 95. triumph, 96. lengthy, 97. spider

98. st__l seat *n.* a seat without a back or arms, typically used by one person; a piece of furniture with a flat top supported by one or more legs, used for working at or eating from; a piece of feces excreted from the body
99. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
100. en_____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
101. ab___d storyline *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
102. a sw__t current of a river *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
103. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
104. tr_____h of the spirit *n.* a great victory or achievement
105. Py___n programming *n.* a nonvenomous snake found in Africa, Asia, and Australia, known for its ability to squeeze and suffocate its prey before swallowing it whole; a high-level programming language used for various purposes, often in scientific computing and data analysis
106. re___e a company from bankruptcy *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
107. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
108. snow le_____d *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

ANSWERS: 98. stool, 99. symbol, 100. enslave, 101. absurd, 102. swift, 103. wrap, 104. triumph, 105. python, 106. rescue, 107. ancestor, 108. leopard

109. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
110. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
111. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
112. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
113. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
114. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
115. sha_____ter creature *n.* a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures
116. st____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
117. mis_____us grin *adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way

ANSWERS: 109. doll, 110. ancestor, 111. trap, 112. humble, 113. reimagine, 114. magic, 115. shape-shifter, 116. stretch, 117. mischievous

118. st___y situation *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
119. bring la_____er *n.* the act or sound of laughing
120. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
121. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
122. h__t the actor off the stage *v.* to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound
123. am___e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
124. sc__d him for being late *v.* to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
125. en___e critics *v.* to make someone extremely angry
126. an el_____e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
127. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
128. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
129. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 118. sticky, 119. laughter, 120. urge, 121. confront, 122. hoot, 123. amaze, 124. scold, 125. enrage, 126. elusive, 127. bound, 128. creature, 129. stretch

130. re___e a dying dog *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
131. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
132. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
133. ba___o flooring *n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
134. en_____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
135. booster j_b *v.* to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle
136. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
137. rainproof sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
138. hu___e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

ANSWERS: 130. rescue, 131. decide, 132. spin, 133. bamboo, 134. enslave, 135. jab, 136. grab, 137. shelter, 138. humble

139. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
140. the bottomless p_t *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
141. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
142. sc_____e the treaty *v.* to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side
143. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
144. mis_____us sense of humor *adj.* causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way
145. sc_____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
146. clean up the s__t *n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat

ANSWERS: 139. wrap, 140. pit, 141. tight, 142. scuttle, 143. panic, 144. mischievous, 145. scatter, 146. spat

147. w__k away my tears *v.* to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light
148. cr____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
149. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
150. minor s__t *n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat
151. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
152. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
153. fl__k of sheep *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
154. res____ul cook in town *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
155. l__g capacity *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
156. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

ANSWERS: 147. wink, 148. creature, 149. belong, 150. spat, 151. grab, 152. tale, 153. flock, 154. resourceful, 155. lung, 156. amaze

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The disease has _____ all his energy, and he can barely get out of bed.
v. to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale

2. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.
n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

3. The enemy fell right into the _____.
n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

4. The _____ between the two neighbors escalated into a heated argument.
n. a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat

5. Her voice was _____ yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.
adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

6. The audience _____ with laughter at the comedian's jokes.
v. to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound

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

ANSWERS: 1. sapped, 2. disrespectful, 3. trap, 4. spat, 5. swift, 6. hooted, 7. doll

8. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
9. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.
- v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
10. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
11. He _____ his employees for not meeting their deadlines.
- v. to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
12. The doctor asked me to provide a _____ sample for testing.
- n. a seat without a back or arms, typically used by one person; a piece of furniture with a flat top supported by one or more legs, used for working at or eating from; a piece of feces excreted from the body
13. 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
14. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
- n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 8. stick, 9. urged, 10. ancestor, 11. scolded, 12. stool, 13. spinning, 14. spirit

15. The national election was held amid _____ security.

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

16. The stalks of _____ can grow up to a foot per day in optimal conditions.

n. a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures

17. Only the _____ God has the power to brighten this dark land.

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

18. We tend to _____ at the education, habits, and tastes of people from very different cultures.

v. to laugh and talk about a person or idea in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or silly

19. The nurse had to _____ the patient with a needle to give them the medicine.

v. to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle

20. _____ lurked in the grass to catch their prey.

n. a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

21. The _____ fox managed to elude the hunters and escape with his prey.

adj. clever or skillful in achieving a goal, especially deceptively or secretly; shrewd or wily

22. The _____ child played pranks on his siblings all day long.

adj. causing or showing a fondness for playfully causing trouble; harmful or troublesome, especially in a playful or amusing way

ANSWERS: 15. tight, 16. bamboo, 17. mighty, 18. scoff, 19. jab, 20. Leopards, 21. cunning, 22. mischievous

23. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.

- v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

24. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

- v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

25. She was _____ and found a solution to the problem on her own.

- adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

26. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.

- v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

27. Canada _____ on the United States.

- v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

28. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.

- n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

29. The predator began to _____ around the forest's edge, searching for prey.

- v. to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly

30. Consult your doctor if the symptoms _____.

- v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

ANSWERS: 23. descended, 24. belong, 25. resourceful, 26. reimagine, 27. bounds, 28. tales, 29. prowl, 30. persist

31. The nobler, the more _____.

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

32. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

33. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

34. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

35. The news of the betrayal _____ him.

v. to make someone extremely angry

36. Bees _____ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

37. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

38. He _____ approached the cliff's edge, aware of the dangers of falling.

adv. in a careful and controlled way, especially to avoid problems or danger

39. The African rock _____ can eat prey as large as antelopes and crocodiles.

n. a nonvenomous snake found in Africa, Asia, and Australia, known for its ability to squeeze and suffocate its prey before swallowing it whole; a high-level programming language used for various purposes, often in scientific computing and data analysis

ANSWERS: 31. humble, 32. stretch, 33. swelling, 34. absurd, 35. enraged, 36. sting, 37. scattered, 38. cautiously, 39. python

40. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.
- n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
41. They need food and _____.
- n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
42. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
- v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
43. The ____ of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.
- n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
44. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
45. He has terminal _____ cancer.
- n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
46. Some doctor says _____ is the best medicine.
- n.* the act or sound of laughing
47. This company _____ its battery problem completely.
- v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

ANSWERS: 40. panic, 41. shelter, 42. oppressed, 43. pit, 44. storytelling, 45. lung, 46. laughter, 47. resolves

48. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
- v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
49. The _____ medical treatment had weakened his muscles.
- adj. tediously continuing for a long time; very long in time or size
50. The _____ spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.
- n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
51. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
52. The mice _____ across the kitchen floor in search of food.
- v. to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side
53. I heard the _____ of conversation from the next room.
- v. to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
54. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
- v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
55. We could hear the _____ wings humming before we even saw it.
- n. a large, stinging insect, typically with a yellow and black striped body, that is related to wasps and bees

ANSWERS: 48. Wrap, 49. lengthy, 50. spider, 51. grab, 52. scuttled, 53. buzz, 54. amazed, 55. hornet's

56. The boxer clenched his _____ before throwing a punch.

- n.* a hand with the fingers clenched tightly into the palm to form a hard rounded shape; an act of striking someone or something with the fist

57. When a _____ of birds flies in, the hunt begins.

- n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

58. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.

- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

59. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

- n.* a great victory or achievement

60. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

- n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

61. He couldn't help but _____ as he remembered the good times.

- v.* to smile broadly

62. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

- n.* a living being, especially an animal

63. 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

ANSWERS: 56. fist, 57. flock, 58. resistance, 59. triumph, 60. symbol, 61. grin, 62. creature, 63. magic

64. He couldn't help but _____ at his wife during the boring meeting to make her laugh.
- v.* to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light
65. A peculiar _____ material coated the foliage.
- adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
66. The _____ ability to transform into different creatures was fascinating and terrifying.
- n.* a mythical or fictional being that can change its form or appearance, particularly about animals or supernatural creatures
67. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.
- v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
68. She carved a unique design into the _____ to create a decorative piece for her home.
- n.* large fruit with a hard, often ornamentally-shaped shell that is commonly used for food, decoration, or musical instruments
69. Her beauty _____ me completely.
- v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
70. 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
71. His wealth is a _____ to his success.
- n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

ANSWERS: 64. wink, 65. sticky, 66. shape-shifter's, 67. confront, 68. gourd, 69. enslaved, 70. decide, 71. testament

72. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
73. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
74. A _____ of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.
n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
75. The fire department arrived just in time to _____ the family from the burning building.
v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
76. The company's marketing team worked hard to get the _____ on what their target audience wanted.
n. a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else
77. We have discussed the entirety of this _____ problem.
adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
78. The physicist who found the _____ particle won the Nobel Prize.
adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

ANSWERS: 72. capture, 73. generation, 74. swarm, 75. rescue, 76. scoop, 77. tricky, 78. elusive