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Session 1: Word List

percussion

n. the section of an orchestra or band that plays instruments such as drums, cymbals, and tambourines; the action of striking something to produce a sound

synonym: beating, rhythm, strike

(1) **percussion** instrument, (2) chest **percussion**

The **percussion** section is an essential part of the band's sound.

toast

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

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

We made a **toast** with everyone.

scent

n. a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one

synonym: fragrance, aroma, perfume

(1) natural **scent**, (2) **scent** memory

The **scent** of freshly baked bread filled the bakery.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym: change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

puffy

adj. swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;

synonym: swollen, distended, inflated

(1) **puffy** off-shore winds, (2) **puffy** eyes

His cheeks looked **puffy** after he overate junk food.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

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

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

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

popcorn

n. a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack

synonym: popped corn, puffed corn, corn kernels

(1) a **popcorn** vendor, (2) **popcorn** kernels

We popped some **popcorn** and settled in to watch a movie.

whimsical

adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

synonym : capricious, impulsive, flighty

(1) **whimsical** reasons, (2) a **whimsical** person

Much of his painting has a **whimsical** quality.

derive

v. to obtain or receive something from a source

synonym : deduce, judge, infer

(1) **derive** a conclusion, (2) **derive** knowledge from books

These English words are **derived** from Latin.

teosinte

n. a wild grass of Mexico and Central America, from which maize or corn is believed to have been domesticated

(1) **teosinte** genome, (2) **teosinte** plant

Native people have been cultivating **teosinte** for food for thousands of years.

indigenous

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

synonym : domestic, endemic, primitive

(1) **indigenous** crop, (2) **indigenous** peoples

The **indigenous** plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym : raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym : root, source, ancestor

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

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

yield

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced;
(verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

synonym : proceeds, harvest, output

(1) corn **yield**, (2) the **yield** on the bond

The company's stock gives a high **yield**.

kernel

n. the central part or core of something, such as a seed or a computer operating system; a fundamental idea or principle

synonym : seed, nut, core

(1) **kernel** code, (2) **kernel** of truth

The **kernel** of an idea for a new book grew into a bestseller.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym : ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

pericarp

n. the outer layer or covering of a fruit or seed, usually consisting of several layers of tissue or cells that protect and enclose the seed

synonym : seed coat, fruit wall

(1) thin **pericarp**, (2) **pericarp** tissue

The **pericarp** of the fruit contains important nutrients and vitamins.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

temperature

n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

synonym : climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric

temperature

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

starch

n. a complex carbohydrate found in many plants, including rice, wheat, and potatoes that is an important foodstuff for humans and animals

synonym : carbohydrate, glucose, dextrin

(1) **starch** granules, (2) potato **starch**

When heated, **starch** molecules absorb water and become thick and goeey, making it a useful thickening agent in cooking.

sealed

adj. closed or secured with

synonym : closed, impenetrable

(1) **sealed** orders, (2) **sealed** jar

We packed and shipped the product in **sealed** containers.

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.

moisture

n. small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance

synonym: dampness, humidity, wetness

(1) **moisture** level, (2) lot of **moisture**

My hair looks greasy because there is too much **moisture** in the air.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

synonym: interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym: stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

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

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

substance

n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

synonym: essence, core, material

(1) an explosive **substance**, (2) **substance** abuse problem

The **substance** of the argument was well-presented.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

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.

foam

n. a mass of small air bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid; a substance that forms a lather when mixed with water

synonym : froth, lather, bubble

(1) the **foam** on a beer, (2) plastics **foam** material

The waves crashed against the rocks, creating white **foam**.

explosion

n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

synonym : burst, eruption, outbreak

(1) a lot of **explosions**, (2) site of the **explosion**

A broken gas pipe triggered the **explosion**.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym : combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

aroma

n. a distinctive, usually pleasant smell, often of a specific food, plant, or object

synonym : fragrance, scent, smell

(1) **aroma** therapy, (2) coffee **aroma**

The **aroma** of freshly baked bread filled the kitchen.

ancient

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

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

maize

n. a cereal grain that is native to the Americas and cultivated in wide varieties for its large, yellow, edible seed and as a feed for livestock

synonym : corn

(1) **maize** meal, (2) genetically altered **maize**

The farmers grew a large **maize** crop this year and expected a good harvest.

flavor

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

synonym : taste, savor, essence

(1) a delicate **flavor**, (2) **flavor** enhancer

The **flavor** of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

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**.

colonize

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

synonym: settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

myriad

adj. a very large number

synonym: numerous, countless, infinite

(1) **myriad** differences, (2) a **myriad** of choices

The artist featured **myriad** colors and patterns, creating a vibrant and dynamic piece.

diet

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

synonym: food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval

A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.

preparation

n. the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready

synonym: practice, trial, rehearsal

(1) a **preparation** program, (2) the **preparation** of meals

He helped me with the **preparation** of this book.

parched

adj. extremely dry, hot, or thirsty; lacking moisture to the point of being brittle or withered

synonym: dry, dehydrated, arid

(1) **parched** climate, (2) **parched** crops

After walking in the desert for hours, I was **parched** and desperately needed water.

feast

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
synonym: banquet, celebration, dinner

(1) a **feast** for the eyes, (2) a nightly **feast**

The royal **feast** celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym: basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

reluctance

n. a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking

synonym: hesitation, resistance, unwillingness

(1) overcoming **reluctance**, (2) **reluctance** in buying

The company's **reluctance** to invest in new technology kept them from competing with other businesses.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

inconsistent

adj. not remaining constant or in agreement

synonym: conflicting, discrepant, contrary

(1) **inconsistent** results, (2) **inconsistent** with the roadmap

This lawsuit appears to be unfair and **inconsistent**.

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy

synonym : cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym : fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

entertaining

adj. providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing

synonym : amusing, diverting, engaging

(1) **entertaining** puppet show, (2) very **entertaining** book

The magician's act was **entertaining** and kept the audience on the edge of their seats.

mainstay

n. a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else

synonym : support, anchor, foundation

(1) the **mainstay** of the community, (2) country's **mainstay**

The company's **mainstay** product was a household appliance that was popular with consumers.

recipe

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

synonym : instructions, formula, method

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

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

savory

adj. pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet

synonym: delicious, tasty, appetizing

(1) **savory** dish, (2) a **savory** omelet

The **savory** aroma of roasted chicken filled the kitchen.

ingredient

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

synonym: element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**

Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

showcase

n. a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it

synonym: exhibit, display, presentation

(1) museum **showcase**, (2) **showcase** of innovation

The museum's new exhibition is a **showcase** of contemporary art.

wagon

n. a four-wheeled vehicle used for transporting goods or people, often pulled by horses, oxen, or other animals; a compartment or container used for storage or transportation, such as a shopping cart or trolley

synonym: cart, buggy, chariot

(1) **wagon** wheel, (2) station **wagon**

The circus **wagon** was brightly painted with pictures of the animals inside.

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

synonym: throw, sway

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

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

vendor

n. a person or company that sells goods or services
synonym: seller, merchant, peddler

(1) street **vendor**, (2) food **vendor**

The **vendor** at the market sold the freshest produce I have ever tasted.

rove

v. to move or travel aimlessly or in a wandering fashion; to roam or wander over a wide area

synonym: wander, roam, traverse

(1) **rove** the globe, (2) **rove** the countryside

We decided to **rove** around the city to explore new neighborhoods.

venue

n. a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed

synonym: location, site, arena

(1) **venue** capacity, (2) wedding **venue**

The concert **venue** was packed with excited fans.

operator

n. a person who uses and controls machinery or equipment; a mathematical symbol used to perform calculations

synonym: controller, handler, manipulator

(1) **operator** error, (2) an elevator **operator**

The **operator** of the machine must follow strict safety protocols.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym: chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

brow

n. the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead

synonym: forehead, hilltop, eyebrow

(1) the **brow** of a hill, (2) furrowed **brow**

She wiped the sweat from her **brow** after finishing the marathon.

depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym: recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

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.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

subtitle

n. a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

synonym: caption, heading, inscription

(1) chart **subtitle**, (2) foreign-language **subtitle**

Make sure to turn on **subtitles** so you can understand the foreign film.

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym: attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

literate

adj. having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic

synonym: educated, well-read, knowledgeable

(1) **literate** population, (2) digitally **literate**

Being **literate** in multiple languages can open up many opportunities for travel and work.

inexpensive

adj. costing little; having a low price

synonym: cheap, affordable, economical

(1) **inexpensive** option, (2) an **inexpensive** inn

The restaurant offered delicious food at an **inexpensive** price.

luxury

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

synonym: extravagance, indulgence, opulence

(1) get into the **luxury** car market, (2) **luxury** hotel

His anti- **luxury** practices were quite strict.

moviegoer

n. a person who regularly attends the movies or cinema, often as a form of entertainment or leisure activity

synonym : filmgoer, cinema fan, movie enthusiast

(1) **moviegoer** experience, (2) avid **moviegoer**

The film festival had a special section dedicated to movies recommended by **moviegoers**.

pounce

v. to spring or jump on suddenly and aggressively, often to capture or attack; to seize an opportunity quickly and eagerly

synonym : swoop, leap, jump

(1) **pounce** on an opportunity, (2) **pounce** on prey

The cat silently waited to **pounce** on the mouse.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym : average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

retail

n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

synonym : sales, trade, commerce

(1) **retail** store, (2) a **retail** dealer

The **retail** industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

markup

n. an added cost or margin above the actual cost of a product or service often used to cover expenses and

generate profit; a process of marking up, such as adding annotations or comments; the process of adding additional information or instructions to text or data to specify its structure, meaning, or presentation

synonym : addition, tag

(1) **markup** language, (2) **markup** on drugs

The **markup** on the product was so high that it was almost double the original production cost.

generate

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

synonym : create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month

The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

profit

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

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

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

This business yields little **profit**.

offset

v. to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence

synonym : balance, cancel out, countervail

(1) **offset** deposits and withdrawals, (2) **offset** a loss

Strong growth in core business **offsets** losses in other business segments.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym : workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

microwave

n. a form of electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths ranging from about one millimeter to one meter and

frequencies between 300 MHz (0.3 GHz) and 300 GHz; an electric oven that cooks food by exposing it to high-frequency electromagnetic radiation, which causes the food molecules to vibrate and heat up quickly

synonym : oven, waveguide, radar range

(1) **microwave** radiation, (2) **microwave** popcorn

I heated my leftover food in the **microwave** oven, which tasted just as good as freshly cooked.

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.

strain

n. a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups

synonym : pressure, tension, breed

(1) **strain** our eyes, (2) a **strain** of bacillus

Dictators of the past often had the erroneous idea of a pure racial **strain**.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

distinctive

adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

synonym : characteristic, individual, unique

(1) **distinctive** ability, (2) design to be **distinctive**

His writing style was **distinctive**, with a clear and concise voice.

mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

synonym : fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

butterfly

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym : foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

corny

adj. overly sentimental or trite; lacking in originality or creativity; trying too hard to be funny or endearing

synonym : cheesy, cliched, trite

(1) **corny** love songs, (2) **corny** movie

The movie was filled with **corny** jokes that made some audience members cringe.

resort

n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

synonym : vacation spot, hotel, (verb) address

(1) **resort** to desperate measures, (2) a last **resort**
If both countries **resort** to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym: Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym: drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1. o__s in favor | <i>n.</i> the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen |
| 2. a pre_____on program | <i>n.</i> the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready |
| 3. lu___y hotel | <i>n.</i> a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things |
| 4. potato st___h | <i>n.</i> a complex carbohydrate found in many plants, including rice, wheat, and potatoes that is an important foodstuff for humans and animals |
| 5. pu__y eyes | <i>adj.</i> swollen or distended, especially with air or gas; |
| 6. wedding ve__e | <i>n.</i> a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed |
| 7. wh_____al reasons | <i>adj.</i> unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason |
| 8. a photo st___o | <i>n.</i> a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company |
| 9. coffee ar__a | <i>n.</i> a distinctive, usually pleasant smell, often of a specific food, plant, or object |
| 10. an in_____l letter | <i>adj.</i> of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name |

ANSWERS: 1. odds, 2. preparation, 3. luxury, 4. starch, 5. puffy, 6. venue, 7. whimsical, 8. studio, 9. aroma, 10. initial

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| 11. si___t reading | <i>adj.</i> without any or little sound |
| 12. o__s of business | <i>n.</i> the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen |
| 13. the b__w of a hill | <i>n.</i> the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead |
| 14. wa__n wheel | <i>n.</i> a four-wheeled vehicle used for transporting goods or people, often pulled by horses, oxen, or other animals; a compartment or container used for storage or transportation, such as a shopping cart or trolley |
| 15. a delicate fl___r | <i>n.</i> the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth |
| 16. br__d horses | <i>v.</i> to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner |
| 17. a gr__d meal | <i>adj.</i> important and large in size, scope, or extent |
| 18. ex_____e in anger | <i>v.</i> to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open |
| 19. the in_____on of new techniques | <i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing |
| 20. pr_____s improvement | <i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products |

ANSWERS: 11. silent, 12. odds, 13. brow, 14. wagon, 15. flavor, 16. breed, 17. grand, 18. explode, 19. invention, 20. process

21. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
22. mu_____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
23. r__e the globe *v.* to move or travel aimlessly or in a wandering fashion; to roam or wander over a wide area
24. secret ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
25. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
26. sh_____se of innovation *n.* a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it
27. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
28. chest per_____on *n.* the section of an orchestra or band that plays instruments such as drums, cymbals, and tambourines; the action of striking something to produce a sound
29. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
30. op_____or error *n.* a person who uses and controls machinery or equipment; a mathematical symbol used to perform calculations

ANSWERS: 21. violent, 22. mushroom, 23. rove, 24. ingredient, 25. overcome, 26. showcase, 27. magical, 28. percussion, 29. opportune, 30. operator

31. se___d orders *adj.* closed or secured with
32. the life cycle of a bu_____ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
33. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
34. racial or___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
35. overcoming rel_____ce *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
36. harmful co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
37. ke___l code *n.* the central part or core of something, such as a seed or a computer operating system; a fundamental idea or principle
38. ine_____ve option *adj.* costing little; having a low price
39. site of the ex_____on *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
40. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
41. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
42. pa_____d climate *adj.* extremely dry, hot, or thirsty; lacking moisture to the point of being brittle or withered

ANSWERS: 31. sealed, 32. butterfly, 33. magical, 34. origin, 35. reluctance, 36. compound, 37. kernel, 38. inexpensive, 39. explosion, 40. origin, 41. studio, 42. parched

43. in____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
44. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
45. station wa__n *n.* a four-wheeled vehicle used for transporting goods or people, often pulled by horses, oxen, or other animals; a compartment or container used for storage or transportation, such as a shopping cart or trolley
46. co__y love songs *adj.* overly sentimental or trite; lacking in originality or creativity; trying too hard to be funny or endearing
47. natural sc__t *n.* a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one
48. su_____ce abuse problem *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
49. sa____y dish *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
50. chart su_____le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

ANSWERS: 43. internal, 44. breed, 45. wagon, 46. corny, 47. scent, 48. substance, 49. savory, 50. subtitle

51. compound the ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
52. ind_____us crop *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
53. pr___l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
54. extreme tem_____res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
55. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
56. an ine_____ve inn *adj.* costing little; having a low price
57. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
58. co__y movie *adj.* overly sentimental or trite; lacking in originality or creativity; trying too hard to be funny or endearing
59. pe_____t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
60. drink a to__t *n.* slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even
61. museum sh_____se *n.* a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it

ANSWERS: 51. ingredient, 52. indigenous, 53. propel, 54. temperature, 55. solid, 56. inexpensive, 57. invention, 58. corny, 59. persist, 60. toast, 61. showcase

62. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
63. street ve____r *n.* a person or company that sells goods or services
64. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
65. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
66. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
67. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
68. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
69. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
70. pu__y off-shore winds *adj.* swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
71. foreign-language su_____le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language

ANSWERS: 62. eventually, 63. vendor, 64. resistance, 65. feat, 66. opportune, 67. globe, 68. shell, 69. explode, 70. puffy, 71. subtitle

72. co____ze planets *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
73. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
74. genetically altered ma__e *n.* a cereal grain that is native to the Americas and cultivated in wide varieties for its large, yellow, edible seed and as a feed for livestock
75. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
76. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
77. ma___p on drugs *n.* an added cost or margin above the actual cost of a product or service often used to cover expenses and generate profit; a process of marking up, such as adding annotations or comments; the process of adding additional information or instructions to text or data to specify its structure, meaning, or presentation
78. se___d jar *adj.* closed or secured with
79. an explosive su_____ce *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
80. a st___n of bacillus *n.* a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups

ANSWERS: 72. colonize, 73. transformation, 74. maize, 75. fantastic, 76. reputation, 77. markup, 78. sealed, 79. substance, 80. strain

81. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
82. te_____te genome *n.* a wild grass of Mexico and Central America, from which maize or corn is believed to have been domesticated
83. r__e the countryside *v.* to move or travel aimlessly or in a wandering fashion; to roam or wander over a wide area
84. justice of the su_____e court *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
85. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
86. the Great Dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
87. bu_____ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
88. a fe__t for the eyes *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
89. per_____on instrument *n.* the section of an orchestra or band that plays instruments such as drums, cymbals, and tambourines; the action of striking something to produce a sound
90. a my___d of choices *adj.* a very large number
91. me___m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

ANSWERS: 81. celebrate, 82. teosinte, 83. rove, 84. supreme, 85. resistance, 86. depression, 87. butterfly, 88. feast, 89. percussion, 90. myriad, 91. medium

92. 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
93. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
94. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
95. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
96. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
97. mu_____om spores *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
98. get into the lu___y car market *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
99. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
100. ke___l of truth *n.* the central part or core of something, such as a seed or a computer operating system; a fundamental idea or principle
101. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

ANSWERS: 92. launch, 93. tradition, 94. cult, 95. shell, 96. transformation, 97. mushroom, 98. luxury, 99. transform, 100. kernel, 101. distract

102. po___e on prey *v.* to spring or jump on suddenly and aggressively, often to capture or attack; to seize an opportunity quickly and eagerly
103. the atmospheric tem_____re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
104. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
105. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
106. corn yi__d *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
107. mi_____ve popcorn *n.* a form of electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths ranging from about one millimeter to one meter and frequencies between 300 MHz (0.3 GHz) and 300 GHz; an electric oven that cooks food by exposing it to high-frequency electromagnetic radiation, which causes the food molecules to vibrate and heat up quickly
108. re___e collection *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
109. pe_____rp tissue *n.* the outer layer or covering of a fruit or seed, usually consisting of several layers of tissue or cells that protect and enclose the seed

ANSWERS: 102. pounce, 103. temperature, 104. profit, 105. expand, 106. yield, 107. microwave, 108. recipe, 109. pericarp

110. li_____te population *adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
111. the in_____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
112. inc_____ent with the roadmap *adj.* not remaining constant or in agreement
113. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
114. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
115. me__y data *adj.* disorganized and untidy
116. 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
117. pe_____t in success *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
118. mi_____ve radiation *n.* a form of electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths ranging from about one millimeter to one meter and frequencies between 300 MHz (0.3 GHz) and 300 GHz; an electric oven that cooks food by exposing it to high-frequency electromagnetic radiation, which causes the food molecules to vibrate and heat up quickly

ANSWERS: 110. literate, 111. internal, 112. inconsistent, 113. assume, 114. silent, 115. messy, 116. launch, 117. persist, 118. microwave

119. ge____te more electricity *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
120. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
121. the ma____ay of the community *n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else
122. re____l store *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
123. ex____d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
124. ar__a therapy *n.* a distinctive, usually pleasant smell, often of a specific food, plant, or object
125. mo_____er experience *n.* a person who regularly attends the movies or cinema, often as a form of entertainment or leisure activity
126. pa____d crops *adj.* extremely dry, hot, or thirsty; lacking moisture to the point of being brittle or withered
127. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
128. ind_____us peoples *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
129. a sa____y omelet *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet

ANSWERS: 119. generate, 120. tight, 121. mainstay, 122. retail, 123. expand, 124. aroma, 125. moviegoer, 126. parched, 127. diet, 128. indigenous, 129. savory

130. the root problem of her dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
131. inc_____ent results *adj.* not remaining constant or in agreement
132. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
133. a lot of ex_____ons *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
134. st___n our eyes *n.* a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups
135. very ent_____ing book *adj.* providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing
136. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
137. design to be dis_____ve *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
138. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
139. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
140. the f__m on a beer *n.* a mass of small air bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid; a substance that forms a lather when mixed with water

ANSWERS: 130. depression, 131. inconsistent, 132. grand, 133. explosion, 134. strain, 135. entertaining, 136. reputation, 137. distinctive, 138. tight, 139. solid, 140. foam

141. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
142. thin pe_____rp *n.* the outer layer or covering of a fruit or seed, usually consisting of several layers of tissue or cells that protect and enclose the seed
143. a nightly fe__t *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
144. te_____te plant *n.* a wild grass of Mexico and Central America, from which maize or corn is believed to have been domesticated
145. gross pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
146. country's ma_____ay *n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else
147. an advertising me___m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
148. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
149. ac_____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

ANSWERS: 141. assume, 142. pericarp, 143. feast, 144. teosinte, 145. profit, 146. mainstay, 147. medium, 148. overcome, 149. acquire

150. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
151. of____t a loss *v.* to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence
152. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
153. satisfy my intellectual cu____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
154. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
155. plastics f__m material *n.* a mass of small air bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid; a substance that forms a lather when mixed with water
156. boundless cu____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
157. slice of to__t *n.* slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even
158. ma__e meal *n.* a cereal grain that is native to the Americas and cultivated in wide varieties for its large, yellow, edible seed and as a feed for livestock

ANSWERS: 150. process, 151. offset, 152. globe, 153. curiosity, 154. diet, 155. foam, 156. curiosity, 157. toast, 158. maize

159. digitally li____te *adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
160. a re____l dealer *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
161. ex____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
162. furrowed b__w *n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead
163. ac____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
164. lot of mo____re *n.* small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance
165. food ve____r *n.* a person or company that sells goods or services
166. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
167. ve__e capacity *n.* a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed
168. eve____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
169. tr____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 159. literate, 160. retail, 161. exciting, 162. brow, 163. acquire, 164. moisture, 165. vendor, 166. feat, 167. venue, 168. eventually, 169. transform

170. fl___r enhancer *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
171. of___t deposits and withdrawals *v.* to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence
172. ge_____te \$100 a month *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
173. sc__t memory *n.* a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one
174. me__y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
175. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
176. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
177. de___e knowledge from books *v.* to obtain or receive something from a source
178. co_____ze for cultivation *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
179. ma___p language *n.* an added cost or margin above the actual cost of a product or service often used to cover expenses and generate profit; a process of marking up, such as adding annotations or comments; the process of adding additional information or instructions to text or data to specify its structure, meaning, or presentation

ANSWERS: 170. flavor, 171. offset, 172. generate, 173. scent, 174. messy, 175. ancient, 176. violent, 177. derive, 178. colonize, 179. markup

180. the su____e commander *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
181. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
182. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
183. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
184. aquatic co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
185. pr____l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
186. rel_____ce in buying *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
187. avid mo_____er *n.* a person who regularly attends the movies or cinema, often as a form of entertainment or leisure activity
188. ent_____ing puppet show *adj.* providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing

ANSWERS: 180. supreme, 181. tradition, 182. cult, 183. ancient, 184. compound, 185. propel, 186. reluctance, 187. moviegoer, 188. entertaining

189. re___t to desperate measures *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
190. a po_____n vendor *n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack
191. t__s the bottle into a trash can *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
192. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
193. de___e a conclusion *v.* to obtain or receive something from a source
194. a wh_____al person *adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason
195. my___d differences *adj.* a very large number
196. the pre_____on of meals *n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
197. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
198. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
199. an elevator op_____or *n.* a person who uses and controls machinery or equipment; a mathematical symbol used to perform calculations

ANSWERS: 189. resort, 190. popcorn, 191. toss, 192. celebrate, 193. derive, 194. whimsical, 195. myriad, 196. preparation, 197. initial, 198. exciting, 199. operator

200. di____ct attention from the real issue
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
201. a last re____t
n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
202. po____n kernels
n. a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack
203. dis____ve ability
adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
204. a fa____ic dress
adj. extremely good; excellent
205. po____e on an opportunity
v. to spring or jump on suddenly and aggressively, often to capture or attack; to seize an opportunity quickly and eagerly
206. the yi__d on the bond
n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
207. mo____re level
n. small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance
208. re____e book
n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
209. st____h granules
n. a complex carbohydrate found in many plants, including rice, wheat, and potatoes that is an important foodstuff for humans and animals

ANSWERS: 200. distract, 201. resort, 202. popcorn, 203. distinctive, 204. fantastic, 205. pounce, 206. yield, 207. moisture, 208. recipe, 209. starch

210. t__s a coin

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

ANSWERS: 210. toss

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. European powers _____ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.
 - v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

2. Native people have been cultivating _____ for food for thousands of years.
 - n.* a wild grass of Mexico and Central America, from which maize or corn is believed to have been domesticated

3. He helped me with the _____ of this book.
 - n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready

4. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
 - n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

5. Dictators of the past often had the erroneous idea of a pure racial _____.
 - n.* a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups

6. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
 - v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

7. They have been living near water since _____ times.
 - adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

ANSWERS: 1. colonized, 2. teosinte, 3. preparation, 4. feat, 5. strain, 6. exploded, 7. ancient

8. This lawsuit appears to be unfair and _____.
- adj.* not remaining constant or in agreement
9. These English words are _____ from Latin.
- v.* to obtain or receive something from a source
10. Strong growth in core business _____ losses in other business segments.
- v.* to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence
11. Make sure to turn on _____ so you can understand the foreign film.
- n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
12. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
- n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
13. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
14. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
15. We made a _____ with everyone.
- n.* slices of bread browned on both sides that have been put near a high heat; a drink in honor of or to the health of a person or even

ANSWERS: 8. inconsistent, 9. derived, 10. offsets, 11. subtitles, 12. globe, 13. tradition, 14. expand, 15. toast

16. It would be best if you _____ out all those old magazines.
v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion
17. The _____ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.
n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
18. The farmers grew a large _____ crop this year and expected a good harvest.
n. a cereal grain that is native to the Americas and cultivated in wide varieties for its large, yellow, edible seed and as a feed for livestock
19. The waves crashed against the rocks, creating white _____.
n. a mass of small air bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid; a substance that forms a lather when mixed with water
20. We decided to _____ around the city to explore new neighborhoods.
v. to move or travel aimlessly or in a wandering fashion; to roam or wander over a wide area
21. The company's _____ to invest in new technology kept them from competing with other businesses.
n. a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
22. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.
adj. disorganized and untidy
23. The _____ at the market sold the freshest produce I have ever tasted.
n. a person or company that sells goods or services

ANSWERS: 16. tossed, 17. recipe, 18. maize, 19. foam, 20. rove, 21. reluctance, 22. messy, 23. vendor

24. Being _____ in multiple languages can open up many opportunities for travel and work.
adj. having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
25. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.
n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
26. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
27. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
28. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.
n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
29. The restaurant offered delicious food at an _____ price.
adj. costing little; having a low price
30. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
31. The ____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 24. literate, 25. compound, 26. celebrated, 27. transformations, 28. temperatures, 29. inexpensive, 30. distract, 31. cult

32. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
33. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.
adj. highest in rank, level, or importance
34. We popped some _____ and settled in to watch a movie.
n. a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack
35. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
36. The museum's new exhibition is a _____ of contemporary art.
n. a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it
37. A broken gas pipe triggered the _____.
n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
38. My hair looks greasy because there is too much _____ in the air.
n. small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance
39. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.
adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
40. After walking in the desert for hours, I was _____ and desperately needed water.
adj. extremely dry, hot, or thirsty; lacking moisture to the point of being brittle or withered

ANSWERS: 32. overcome, 33. supreme, 34. popcorn, 35. silent, 36. showcase, 37. explosion, 38. moisture, 39. initial, 40. parched

41. The _____ of water is called ice.

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

42. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

43. She wiped the sweat from her _____ after finishing the marathon.

n. the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead

44. If both countries _____ to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

45. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

46. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

47. Greed is the primary _____ in the making of criminals.

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

48. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

adj. extremely good; excellent

ANSWERS: 41. solid-state, 42. generate, 43. brow, 44. resort, 45. assumes, 46. breeds, 47. ingredient, 48. fantastic,

49. What are the _____ that he will survive?

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

50. The movie was filled with _____ jokes that made some audience members cringe.

adj. overly sentimental or trite; lacking in originality or creativity; trying too hard to be funny or endearing

51. The _____ of freshly baked bread filled the bakery.

n. a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one

52. I heated my leftover food in the _____ oven, which tasted just as good as freshly cooked.

n. a form of electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths ranging from about one millimeter to one meter and frequencies between 300 MHz (0.3 GHz) and 300 GHz; an electric oven that cooks food by exposing it to high-frequency electromagnetic radiation, which causes the food molecules to vibrate and heat up quickly

53. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

54. The _____ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

55. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 49. odds, 50. corny, 51. scent, 52. microwave, 53. opportune, 54. mushroom, 55. violent

56. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.
n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
57. The _____ of the argument was well-presented.
n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
58. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
59. _____ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.
n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
60. The royal _____ celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.
n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
61. The _____ industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.
n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
62. The _____ aroma of roasted chicken filled the kitchen.
adj. pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
63. The company's stock gives a high _____.
n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

ANSWERS: 56. studio, 57. substance, 58. reputation, 59. Depression, 60. feast, 61. retail, 62. savory, 63. yield

64. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.
- v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
65. The film festival had a special section dedicated to movies recommended by _____.
- n.* a person who regularly attends the movies or cinema, often as a form of entertainment or leisure activity
66. His cheeks looked _____ after he overate junk food.
- adj.* swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
67. The _____ of an idea for a new book grew into a bestseller.
- n.* the central part or core of something, such as a seed or a computer operating system; a fundamental idea or principle
68. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.
- n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
69. His writing style was _____ with a clear and concise voice.
- adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
70. The _____ section is an essential part of the band's sound.
- n.* the section of an orchestra or band that plays instruments such as drums, cymbals, and tambourines; the action of striking something to produce a sound
71. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
- n.* the first existence or beginning of something

ANSWERS: 64. propel, 65. moviegoers, 66. puffy, 67. kernel, 68. butterfly, 69. distinctive, 70. percussion, 71. origin

72. The _____ on the product was so high that it was almost double the original production cost.
- n.* an added cost or margin above the actual cost of a product or service often used to cover expenses and generate profit; a process of marking up, such as adding annotations or comments; the process of adding additional information or instructions to text or data to specify its structure, meaning, or presentation
73. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
74. His anti-_____ practices were quite strict.
- n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
75. 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
76. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.
- n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
77. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.
- n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
78. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.
- n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
79. The _____ plants need to be pollinated by local insects.
- adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

ANSWERS: 72. markup, 73. transformed, 74. luxury, 75. resistance, 76. curiosity, 77. shell, 78. diet, 79. indigenous

80. When heated, _____ molecules absorb water and become thick and gooey, making it a useful thickening agent in cooking.
- n.* a complex carbohydrate found in many plants, including rice, wheat, and potatoes that is an important foodstuff for humans and animals
81. The company's _____ product was a household appliance that was popular with consumers.
- n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else
82. The _____ of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.
- n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
83. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
84. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.
- adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
85. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.
- adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
86. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
87. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 80. starch, 81. mainstay, 82. flavor, 83. exciting, 84. internal, 85. medium, 86. grand, 87. process

88. Much of his painting has a _____ quality.

adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

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

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

90. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

91. This business yields little _____.

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

92. 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

93. The _____ of the machine must follow strict safety protocols.

n. a person who uses and controls machinery or equipment; a mathematical symbol used to perform calculations

94. The magician's act was _____ and kept the audience on the edge of their seats.

adj. providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing

95. The artist featured _____ colors and patterns, creating a vibrant and dynamic piece.

adj. a very large number

ANSWERS: 88. whimsical, 89. magical, 90. eventually, 91. profit, 92. persist, 93. operator, 94. entertaining, 95. myriad

96. The circus _____ was brightly painted with pictures of the animals inside.
- n.* a four-wheeled vehicle used for transporting goods or people, often pulled by horses, oxen, or other animals; a compartment or container used for storage or transportation, such as a shopping cart or trolley
97. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
98. 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
99. The _____ of freshly baked bread filled the kitchen.
- n.* a distinctive, usually pleasant smell, often of a specific food, plant, or object
100. The cat silently waited to _____ on the mouse.
- v.* to spring or jump on suddenly and aggressively, often to capture or attack; to seize an opportunity quickly and eagerly
101. We packed and shipped the product in _____ containers.
- adj.* closed or secured with
102. The _____ of the fruit contains important nutrients and vitamins.
- n.* the outer layer or covering of a fruit or seed, usually consisting of several layers of tissue or cells that protect and enclose the seed
103. The concert _____ was packed with excited fans.
- n.* a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed

ANSWERS: 96. wagon, 97. invention, 98. launch, 99. aroma, 100. pounce, 101. sealed, 102. pericarp, 103. venue

104. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

105. The national election was held amid _____ security.

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

ANSWERS: 104. acquire, 105. tight