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Session 1: Word List

accomplishment

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

synonym: success, achievement, complete

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

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

booty

n. valuable or stolen goods, especially that taken in war or other conflicts; a person's bottom

synonym: loot, plunder, hip

(1) chunky **booty**, (2) war **booty**

The pirates buried their treasure on the deserted island, including a large amount of **booty**.

cam

n. a device or mechanism that converts rotary motion to linear motion or vice versa; a revolving cylinder with an irregular shape used in machinery to convert rotary motion into intermittent or reciprocating motion; an abbreviation for camera

synonym: camera, device, gadget

(1) security **cam**, (2) **cam** lever

The mechanic adjusted the **cam** mechanism to improve the

engine's performance.

desirable

adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

synonym: appealing, attractive, advisable

(1) **desirable** effect, (2) **desirable** result

The beachfront property had a **desirable** location with stunning ocean views.

mainstream

n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

synonym: prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs

His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

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?

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym: subject, theme, issue

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

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

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

ovation

n. a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected

synonym: applause, accolade, praise

(1) standing **ovation**, (2) spontaneous **ovation**

The singer received an **ovation** from the crowd after her performance.

twerk

v. to dance in a sexually suggestive manner, often involving rhythmic movements of the buttocks; (noun) a type of dance characterized by rapid and rhythmic movements of the hips and buttocks in a low squatting stance

synonym: shake, jiggle, wiggle

(1) **twerk** dance, (2) **twerk** passionately

She decided to **twerk** in the middle of the dance floor, much to the shock of the other party-goers.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym: aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

bunch

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

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

bounce

v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

synonym : bound, leap, spring

(1) **bounce** across the floor, (2) **bounce** back from failure

They will **bounce** between various emotional states.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

bestie

n. a term of endearment used to describe one's closest friend, a term that connotes a deep and unbreakable bond between the two friends

synonym : friend, pal, buddy

(1) **bestie** bond, (2) longtime **bestie**

I love having a loyal and supportive **bestie** like her in my life.

whoop

v. to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise

synonym : yell, shout, cheer

(1) **whoop** with joy, (2) **whoop** it up at a party

The winning team began to **whoop** and holler with excitement.

rhythm

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

synonym : beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**

He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

synonym: curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise
The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

parallel

adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

synonym: aligned, side-by-side, similar

(1) a **parallel** case, (2) **parallel** processing
He walked a road **parallel** to the railroad.

traditionally

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

synonym : conventionally, commonly, generally

(1) **traditionally** accepted concept, (2) **traditionally** sung at a banquet

Traditionally, the ceremony was held outdoors.

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.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

worship

v. to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

synonym : adore, idolize

(1) **worship** god, (2) absolutely **worship**

They traditionally **worship** their guru.

gutter

n. a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater

synonym : channel, trench, drain

(1) **gutter** system, (2) a building **gutter**

The **gutter** on the roof's edge was clogged with leaves, causing water to overflow.

transatlantic

adj. relating to or situated on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, especially about travel communication or cultural exchange between Europe and North America

synonym : intercontinental, across-the-pond

(1) **transatlantic** cable, (2) **transatlantic** partnership
Transatlantic cooperation is important for global security and stability.

slave

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

synonym: captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

jazz

n. a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

synonym: swing, blues, bebop

(1) **jazz** club, (2) a school **jazz** band

He listened to **jazz** music to relax after a long day at work.

jitterbug

n. a fast or energetic swing dance that originated in the United States in the 1930s and typically involved partners performing acrobatic or dynamic movements

synonym: dance, swing, jive

(1) **jitterbug** dance, (2) **jitterbug** phone

She wore a vintage swing dress and kicked up her heels doing the **jitterbug** with her partner.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

etymology

n. the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase

(1) **etymology** dictionary, (2) the **etymology** of a word

The study of **etymology** helps us to understand the origins of words.

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

synonym: wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files

He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

innovation

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

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

humor

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

synonym: comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**

My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

blackness

n. the quality or condition of being black or dark; an absence of light; a state or condition of darkness,

bleakness, or depression; the fact of being part of a group of individuals with dark skin who originate from or whose ancestors originated from Africa

synonym: darkness, obscurity, void

(1) the **blackness** of the night, (2) anti- **blackness** racism

The forest's darkness was complete, with a **blackness** that seemed to swallow everything.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

collaboration

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

synonym: affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

jubilee

n. a special anniversary or celebration, especially one marking a 25th, 50th, or 60th year

synonym: anniversary, celebration, commemorative event

(1) **jubilee** procession, (2) golden **jubilee**

The royal family celebrated their **jubilee** with a parade and a special concert.

yang

n. in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat

synonym: masculine, positive, active

(1) the **yang** principle, (2) embody **yang** energy

He saw the balance between the yin and **yang** as crucial for a harmonious life.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

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

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

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

destiny

n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future

synonym: fate, future, outcome

(1) foreordained **destiny**, (2) **destiny** of the individual

It is said that our **destiny** is written in the stars.

dictionary

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

synonym: lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**

I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme
The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

synonym: allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

classy

adj. stylish, elegant, or refined in a way that conveys sophistication and good taste

synonym: stylish, elegant, sophisticated

(1) **classy** outfit, (2) **classy** restaurant

The hotel's rooftop bar offers a **classy** and sophisticated setting to enjoy cocktails.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

synonym: bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

solo

adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone

synonym: alone

(1) a **solo** vocal recital, (2) a **solo** flight

I would love to **solo** camping someday.

incorporate

v. to include something as a part of a larger entity

synonym: contain, integrate, amalgamate

(1) **incorporate** the current trends, (2) **incorporate** technology into daily life

We will attempt to **incorporate** some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

indie

adj. (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture

synonym: independent, alternative, underground

(1) **indie** music, (2) **indie** film

This restaurant is known for its **indie** approach to cuisine, using locally sourced and sustainable ingredients.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

sauce

n. a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods

synonym: condiment, gravy, dressing

(1) a flavorful **sauce**, (2) soy **sauce**

The pasta dish was served with a rich tomato **sauce**.

debut

n. the first public performance of an artist or actor
synonym: introduction, launching, premiere

(1) **debut** on national TV, (2) **debut** performance

The **debut** album of the band was a success.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym: all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym: excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

blast

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

synonym: blow, burst, explosion

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

The **blast** shattered the laboratory equipment.

exploit

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

synonym: use, abuse, control

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

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

sexualize

v. to make something sexual in nature; to emphasize or draw attention to the sexual aspects of something

synonym: eroticize, sensualize

(1) **sexualize** athletes, (2) **sexualize** advertising

It is not appropriate to **sexualize** children's toys or clothing.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before

making a decision.

bittersweet

adj. having a mixture of both positive and negative emotions or experiences; simultaneously pleasant and painful

synonym: semisweet, ambivalent, mixed

(1) **bittersweet** ending, (2) a **bittersweet** memory

The graduation ceremony was **bittersweet** as the students said goodbye to their classmates and teachers.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

co-opt

v. to elect or appoint someone as a member of a group or organization; to take over or appropriate something, often by force or without permission; to use someone or something for one's purposes or agenda

synonym: take over, appoint, appropriate

(1) **co-opt** members, (2) **co-opt** ideas

The company tried to **co-opt** competitors by offering them buyouts.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym: fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

illusion

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

synonym: delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest
He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

gatekeeper

n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

synonym: guardian, watchman, custodian

(1) **gatekeeper** role, (2) information **gatekeeper**
The company's **gatekeeper screened** all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**
The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym: share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

reclamation

n. the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away

synonym: recovery, reutilization, restoration

(1) **reclamation** district, (2) coastal **reclamation**

The **reclamation** of the wetlands allowed for the restoration of the natural ecosystem.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym: hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

premiere

n. the first public performance of a play, film, or piece of music, or the opening of a show or exhibition

synonym: debut, first showing, opening night

(1) the world **premiere**, (2) **premiere** of the theater

The **premiere** of the new movie was held at the city's main theater.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

pearl

n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

synonym: bead, gem, nacre

(1) a cultured **pearl**, (2) **pearl** beyond price

She wore a **pearl** necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

expression

n. the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood

synonym: statement, utterance, remark

(1) artistic **expression**, (2) **expression** of interest

His facial **expression** showed a mix of surprise and

confusion.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

manifest

v. to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

synonym: exhibit, make plain, demonstrate

(1) **manifest** as the word, (2) **manifest** displeasure

The Prime Minister **manifested** his regret for his neighbors

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.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym: separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

cheek

n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw

synonym: jaw, mandible, malar

(1) **cheek** bone, (2) hollowed-out **cheek**

He gently touched her apple-red **cheek** and whispered that he loved her.

downward

adj. moving towards a lower position or a lower level

synonym: lower, earthward, descending

(1) a **downward** slope, (2) maintain **downward** compatibility

The stock market has been in a **downward** trend for the past month.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym: holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential
The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

villain

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

synonym: scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

gang

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

synonym: crew, posse, group

(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member

The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.

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.

subculture

n. a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture

synonym: underground culture, alternative culture

(1) **subculture** movement, (2) **subculture** fashion

The punk **subculture** emerged in the 1970s as a response to mainstream society and its values.

fast-forward

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

synonym: advance, hasten, speed up

(1) **fast-forward** 10 seconds, (2) **fast-forward** to the good

part

I like to **fast-forward** through commercials when watching TV shows.

ballet

n. a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing

(1) a **ballet** enthusiast, (2) **ballet** lessons

She is a leading female classical **ballet** dancer

pioneer

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

synonym: frontiersperson, innovator, trailblazer

(1) act as a **pioneer**, (2) early **pioneers**

John Whitney was a computer animation **pioneer**.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym: thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

hail

v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

synonym: greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast

People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

vulture

n. a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)

synonym: buzzard, scavenger, carrion bird

(1) **vulture** colony, (2) scavenging **vulture**

The **vulture's** sharp eyesight allows it to spot carrion from great distances.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

vixen

n. a female fox, particularly one regarded as sly or cunning; a woman regarded as sexually attractive and alluring

synonym: fox, shrew, termagant

(1) red **vixen**, (2) sly **vixen**

The farmer set a trap to catch the **vixen** that had been killing his chickens.

undeniable

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

synonym: absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece

Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

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.

unique

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

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

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

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

talented

adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

synonym: gifted, able, skilled

(1) a very **talented** actor, (2) **talented** athlete

She is a **talented** musician, able to play several instruments.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym: draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

tempo

n. the speed at which a piece of music is performed

synonym: pace, rhythm, speed

(1) a quick **tempo**, (2) set **tempo**

The **tempo** of the music was slow and soothing.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. gu___r system *n.* a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater
2. sa___d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
3. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
4. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
5. fas_____ard 10 seconds *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
6. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
7. rec_____on district *n.* the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away
8. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

ANSWERS: 1. gutter, 2. sacred, 3. incredible, 4. odds, 5. fast-forward, 6. revolution, 7. reclamation, 8. damn

9. information gat_____er *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
10. g__g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
11. pe___t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
12. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
13. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
14. ju_____e procession *n.* a special anniversary or celebration, especially one marking a 25th, 50th, or 60th year
15. golden ju_____e *n.* a special anniversary or celebration, especially one marking a 25th, 50th, or 60th year
16. pr___h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
17. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 9. gatekeeper, 10. gang, 11. permit, 12. spiritual, 13. stake, 14. jubilee, 15. jubilee, 16. preach, 17. introduction

18. a bit_____et memory *adj.* having a mixture of both positive and negative emotions or experiences; simultaneously pleasant and painful
19. ma_____st displeasure *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
20. an und_____le fact *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
21. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
22. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
23. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
24. c_m lever *n.* a device or mechanism that converts rotary motion to linear motion or vice versa; a revolving cylinder with an irregular shape used in machinery to convert rotary motion into intermittent or reciprocating motion; an abbreviation for camera
25. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
26. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

ANSWERS: 18. bittersweet, 19. manifest, 20. undeniable, 21. magic, 22. immediately, 23. context, 24. cam, 25. overnight, 26. confidence

27. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
28. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
29. tra_____tic partnership *adj.* relating to or situated on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, especially about travel communication or cultural exchange between Europe and North America
30. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
31. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
32. act as a pi_____r *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
33. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
34. the world pr_____re *n.* the first public performance of a play, film, or piece of music, or the opening of a show or exhibition
35. a motorcycle g__g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
36. se_____ze athletes *v.* to make something sexual in nature; to emphasize or draw attention to the sexual aspects of something

ANSWERS: 27. appropriate, 28. introduction, 29. transatlantic, 30. preach, 31. church, 32. pioneer, 33. origin, 34. premiere, 35. gang, 36. sexualize

37. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
38. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
39. vitreous hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
40. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
41. de_____le effect *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
42. ji_____ug dance *n.* a fast or energetic swing dance that originated in the United States in the 1930s and typically involved partners performing acrobatic or dynamic movements
43. hollowed-out ch__k *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
44. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
45. foreordained de_____y *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
46. be___e bond *n.* a term of endearment used to describe one's closest friend, a term that connotes a deep and unbreakable bond between the two friends

ANSWERS: 37. release, 38. invention, 39. humor, 40. discovery, 41. desirable, 42. jitterbug, 43. cheek, 44. contribute, 45. destiny, 46. bestie

47. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
48. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
49. bo___e across the floor *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
50. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
51. ch__k bone *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
52. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
53. the acc_____ent of a social goal *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
54. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
55. racial or___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
56. red vi__n *n.* a female fox, particularly one regarded as sly or cunning; a woman regarded as sexually attractive and alluring
57. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
58. ma_____st as the word *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

ANSWERS: 47. innovation, 48. blueprint, 49. bounce, 50. disgust, 51. cheek, 52. stretch, 53. accomplishment, 54. collaboration, 55. origin, 56. vixen, 57. appropriate, 58. manifest

59. et_____gy dictionary *n.* the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase
60. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
61. a s__o flight *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
62. a very ta_____ed actor *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
63. bo___e back from failure *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
64. de___e a conclusion *v.* to obtain or receive something from a source
65. vu_____e colony *n.* a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)
66. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
67. longtime be___e *n.* a term of endearment used to describe one's closest friend, a term that connotes a deep and unbreakable bond between the two friends
68. inc_____te technology into daily life *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
69. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

ANSWERS: 59. etymology, 60. conversation, 61. solo, 62. talented, 63. bounce, 64. derive, 65. vulture, 66. emotional, 67. bestie, 68. incorporate, 69. nowhere

70. de_____le result *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
71. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
72. cl___y outfit *adj.* stylish, elegant, or refined in a way that conveys sophistication and good taste
73. standing ov_____n *n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected
74. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
75. pe__l beyond price *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
76. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
77. authoritarian vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
78. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
79. set te__o *n.* the speed at which a piece of music is performed
80. tw__k dance *v.* to dance in a sexually suggestive manner, often involving rhythmic movements of the buttocks; (noun) a type of dance characterized by rapid and rhythmic movements of the hips and buttocks in a low squatting stance

ANSWERS: 70. desirable, 71. singe, 72. classy, 73. ovation, 74. isolate, 75. pearl, 76. release, 77. villain, 78. spiritual, 79. tempo, 80. twerk

81. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
82. evil vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
83. pa_____el processing *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
84. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
85. double qu_____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
86. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
87. the et_____gy of a word *n.* the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase
88. de___e knowledge from books *v.* to obtain or receive something from a source
89. sub_____re fashion *n.* a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture
90. in__e film *adj.* (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture

ANSWERS: 81. celebrate, 82. villain, 83. parallel, 84. topic, 85. quotation, 86. optimistic, 87. etymology, 88. derive, 89. subculture, 90. indie

91. gat_____er role *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
92. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
93. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
94. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
95. scavenging vu_____e *n.* a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)
96. co_____t members *v.* to elect or appoint someone as a member of a group or organization; to take over or appropriate something, often by force or without permission; to use someone or something for one's purposes or agenda
97. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
98. an icy bl__t *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

ANSWERS: 91. gatekeeper, 92. violent, 93. nowhere, 94. optimism, 95. vulture, 96. co-opt, 97. collaboration, 98. blast

99. li____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
100. li____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
101. a ba___t enthusiast *n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
102. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
103. an und_____le masterpiece *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
104. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
105. embody y__g energy *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
106. se_____ze advertising *v.* to make something sexual in nature; to emphasize or draw attention to the sexual aspects of something
107. a cultured pe__l *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
108. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
109. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 99. liberate, 100. liberate, 101. ballet, 102. invention, 103. undeniable, 104. singe, 105. yang, 106. sexualize, 107. pearl, 108. bunch, 109. church

110. rei_____ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
111. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
112. a sl___e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
113. tra_____lly sung at a banquet *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
114. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
115. ba___t lessons *n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
116. the y__g principle *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
117. cl___y restaurant *adj.* stylish, elegant, or refined in a way that conveys sophistication and good taste
118. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
119. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

ANSWERS: 110. reintroduce, 111. movement, 112. slave, 113. traditionally, 114. critic, 115. ballet, 116. yang, 117. classy, 118. violent, 119. reclaim

120. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
121. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
122. a bl__t of wind *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
123. the bl_____ss of the night *n.* the quality or condition of being black or dark; an absence of light; a state or condition of darkness, bleakness, or depression; the fact of being part of a group of individuals with dark skin who originate from or whose ancestors originated from Africa
124. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
125. mai_____am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
126. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
127. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
128. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
129. sardonic hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

ANSWERS: 120. celebrate, 121. unique, 122. blast, 123. blackness, 124. innovation, 125. mainstream, 126. crazy, 127. discovery, 128. disgust, 129. humor

130. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
131. chunky bo__y *n.* valuable or stolen goods, especially that taken in war or other conflicts; a person's bottom
132. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
133. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
134. ta_____ed athlete *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
135. optical il_____on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
136. er__e a memory *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
137. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
138. a pa_____el case *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
139. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
140. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

ANSWERS: 130. odds, 131. booty, 132. emotional, 133. slave, 134. talented, 135. illusion, 136. erase, 137. exploit, 138. parallel, 139. disturb, 140. optimistic

141. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
142. a quick te__o *n.* the speed at which a piece of music is performed
143. wo_____p god *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
144. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
145. take a qu_____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
146. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
147. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
148. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
149. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
150. the halo of a sa___d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
151. coastal rec_____on *n.* the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away

ANSWERS: 141. critic, 142. tempo, 143. worship, 144. empower, 145. quotation, 146. communal, 147. stake, 148. asset, 149. ancestor, 150. sacred, 151. reclamation

152. anti-bl_____ss racism *n.* the quality or condition of being black or dark; an absence of light; a state or condition of darkness, bleakness, or depression; the fact of being part of a group of individuals with dark skin who originate from or whose ancestors originated from Africa
153. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
154. wh__p with joy *v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
155. j__z club *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
156. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
157. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
158. maintain do_____rd compatibility *adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
159. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

ANSWERS: 152. blackness, 153. optimism, 154. whoop, 155. jazz, 156. damn, 157. warn, 158. downward, 159. disturb

160. exp_____on of interest *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
161. sly vi__n *n.* a female fox, particularly one regarded as sly or cunning; a woman regarded as sexually attractive and alluring
162. a gr_____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
163. the il_____on of being in the forest *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
164. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
165. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
166. a s__o vocal recital *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
167. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
168. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
169. de__t on national TV *n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor
170. in__e music *adj.* (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture

ANSWERS: 160. expression, 161. vixen, 162. grateful, 163. illusion, 164. immediately, 165. crazy, 166. solo, 167. misunderstand, 168. fashion, 169. debut, 170. indie

171. spontaneous ov____n *n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected
172. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
173. co___t ideas *v.* to elect or appoint someone as a member of a group or organization; to take over or appropriate something, often by force or without permission; to use someone or something for one's purposes or agenda
174. a flavorful sa__e *n.* a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods
175. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
176. artistic exp_____on *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
177. soy sa__e *n.* a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods
178. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
179. de_____y of the individual *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future

ANSWERS: 171. ovation, 172. trend, 173. co-opt, 174. sauce, 175. strip, 176. expression, 177. sauce, 178. confer, 179. destiny

180. wh__p it up at a party *v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
181. proud of his acc_____ents *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
182. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
183. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
184. dic_____ry definition *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
185. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
186. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
187. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
188. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
189. irregular heart rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

ANSWERS: 180. whoop, 181. accomplishment, 182. misunderstand, 183. movement, 184. dictionary, 185. incredible, 186. stretch, 187. strip, 188. conversation, 189. rhythm

190. ex____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
191. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
192. inc_____te the current trends *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
193. tw__k passionately *v.* to dance in a sexually suggestive manner, often involving rhythmic movements of the buttocks; (noun) a type of dance characterized by rapid and rhythmic movements of the hips and buttocks in a low squatting stance
194. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
195. join the mai_____am *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
196. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
197. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
198. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 190. exploit, 191. blueprint, 192. incorporate, 193. twerk, 194. confidence, 195. mainstream, 196. context, 197. topic, 198. magic

199. re____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
200. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
201. h__l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
202. is____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
203. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
204. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
205. freedom of re____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
206. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
207. a do____rd slope *adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
208. online dic_____ry *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
209. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 199. reclaim, 200. erase, 201. hail, 202. isolate, 203. trend, 204. definitely, 205. religion, 206. communal, 207. downward, 208. dictionary, 209. bunch

210. de__t performance *n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor
211. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
212. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
213. a school j__z band *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
214. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
215. absolutely wo_____p *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
216. rei_____ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
217. early pi_____rs *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
218. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
219. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
220. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

ANSWERS: 210. debut, 211. definitely, 212. fashion, 213. jazz, 214. unique, 215. worship, 216. reintroduce, 217. pioneer, 218. confer, 219. grateful, 220. phenomenon

221. con_____te a large sum of money
to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
222. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
223. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
224. security c_m *n.* a device or mechanism that converts rotary motion to linear motion or vice versa; a revolving cylinder with an irregular shape used in machinery to convert rotary motion into intermittent or reciprocating motion; an abbreviation for camera
225. h__l the victorious team with cheers *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
226. tra_____lly accepted concept *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
227. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
228. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 221. contribute, 222. revolution, 223. asset, 224. cam, 225. hail, 226. traditionally, 227. overnight, 228. empower

229. in samba rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
230. bit_____et ending *adj.* having a mixture of both positive and negative emotions or experiences; simultaneously pleasant and painful
231. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
232. a building gu___r *n.* a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater
233. war bo__y *n.* valuable or stolen goods, especially that taken in war or other conflicts; a person's bottom
234. work pe___t *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
235. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
236. ji_____ug phone *n.* a fast or energetic swing dance that originated in the United States in the 1930s and typically involved partners performing acrobatic or dynamic movements
237. sub_____re movement *n.* a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture

ANSWERS: 229. rhythm, 230. bittersweet, 231. warn, 232. gutter, 233. booty, 234. permit, 235. religion, 236. jitterbug, 237. subculture

238. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
239. tra_____tic cable *adj.* relating to or situated on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, especially about travel communication or cultural exchange between Europe and North America
240. fas_____ard to the good part *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
241. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
242. pr_____re of the theater *n.* the first public performance of a play, film, or piece of music, or the opening of a show or exhibition

ANSWERS: 238. ancestor, 239. transatlantic, 240. fast-forward, 241. phenomenon, 242. premiere

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.
n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
2. The _____ sharp eyesight allows it to spot carrion from great distances.
n. a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)
3. I like to _____ through commercials when watching TV shows.
v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
4. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.
adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
5. She is a _____ musician, able to play several instruments.
adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
6. The winning team began to _____ and holler with excitement.
v. to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
7. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
8. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

ANSWERS: 1. collaboration, 2. vulture's, 3. fast-forward, 4. unique, 5. talented, 6. whoop, 7. disturb, 8. religion

9. A business plan is a _____ for your success.
n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
10. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.
n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
11. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.
n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
12. The company tried to _____ competitors by offering them buyouts.
v. to elect or appoint someone as a member of a group or organization; to take over or appropriate something, often by force or without permission; to use someone or something for one's purposes or agenda
13. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
14. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
15. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
16. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 9. blueprint, 10. stake, 11. quotation, 12. co-opt, 13. warn, 14. discovery, 15. innovation, 16. celebrated

17. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
- v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
18. It is said that our _____ is written in the stars.
- n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
19. He listened to _____ music to relax after a long day at work.
- n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
20. The company's _____ all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.
- n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
21. People in the area were forced to _____ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.
- v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
22. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
- n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
23. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 17. damn, 18. destiny, 19. jazz, 20. gatekeeper screened, 21. hail, 22. topic, 23. ancestor

24. 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
25. A rainbow is a natural _____.
- n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
26. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
27. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
- n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
28. We will attempt to _____ some of your suggestions into our future strategy.
- v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
29. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
30. _____ cooperation is important for global security and stability.
- adj.* relating to or situated on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, especially about travel communication or cultural exchange between Europe and North America
31. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.
- v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

ANSWERS: 24. stretch, 25. phenomenon, 26. confer, 27. optimism, 28. incorporate, 29. empowered, 30. Transatlantic, 31. reclaim

32. The hotel's rooftop bar offers a _____ and sophisticated setting to enjoy cocktails.

adj. stylish, elegant, or refined in a way that conveys sophistication and good taste

33. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

34. That style is no longer in _____.

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

35. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

36. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.

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

37. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

38. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

39. The _____ of the music was slow and soothing.

n. the speed at which a piece of music is performed

ANSWERS: 32. classy, 33. strip, 34. fashion, 35. movement, 36. illusion, 37. crazy, 38. spiritual, 39. tempo

40. The pasta dish was served with a rich tomato _____.
- n.* a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods
41. The oil price continued their downward _____.
- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
42. The graduation ceremony was _____ as the students said goodbye to their classmates and teachers.
- adj.* having a mixture of both positive and negative emotions or experiences; simultaneously pleasant and painful
43. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
44. They traditionally _____ their guru.
- v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
45. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.
- n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
46. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.
- n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
47. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
- adv.* now or without delay

ANSWERS: 40. sauce, 41. trend, 42. bittersweet, 43. invention, 44. worship, 45. rhythm, 46. asset, 47. immediately

48. The _____ of the new movie was held at the city's main theater.
- n.* the first public performance of a play, film, or piece of music, or the opening of a show or exhibition
49. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
50. I love having a loyal and supportive _____ like her in my life.
- n.* a term of endearment used to describe one's closest friend, a term that connotes a deep and unbreakable bond between the two friends
51. You should not _____ them from the community.
- v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
52. She decided to _____ in the middle of the dance floor, much to the shock of the other party-goers.
- v.* to dance in a sexually suggestive manner, often involving rhythmic movements of the buttocks; (noun) a type of dance characterized by rapid and rhythmic movements of the hips and buttocks in a low squatting stance
53. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
54. The study of _____ helps us to understand the origins of words.
- n.* the study of the origin and history of words, including changes in meaning and form over time; the history of a particular word or phrase
55. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 48. premiere, 49. bunch, 50. bestie, 51. isolate, 52. twerk, 53. context, 54. etymology, 55. introduction

56. The singer received an _____ from the crowd after her performance.
n. a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected
57. It is not appropriate to _____ children's toys or clothing.
v. to make something sexual in nature; to emphasize or draw attention to the sexual aspects of something
58. What are the _____ that he will survive?
n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
59. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
60. He walked a road _____ to the railroad.
adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
61. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.
v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
62. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.
adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
63. These English words are _____ from Latin.
v. to obtain or receive something from a source

ANSWERS: 56. ovation, 57. sexualize, 58. odds, 59. violent, 60. parallel, 61. permit, 62. appropriate, 63. derived

64. The pirates buried their treasure on the deserted island, including a large amount of _____.
- n.* valuable or stolen goods, especially that taken in war or other conflicts; a person's bottom
65. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
66. She wore a _____ necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.
- n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
67. _____ the ceremony was held outdoors.
- adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
68. The _____ of the wetlands allowed for the restoration of the natural ecosystem.
- n.* the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away
69. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.
- n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
70. He saw the balance between the yin and _____ as crucial for a harmonious life.
- n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
71. The Prime Minister _____ his regret for his neighbors
- v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

ANSWERS: 64. booty, 65. release, 66. pearl, 67. Traditionally, 68. reclamation, 69. disgust, 70. yang, 71. manifested

72. They will _____ between various emotional states.

v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

73. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

74. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

75. The farmer set a trap to catch the _____ that had been killing his chickens.

n. a female fox, particularly one regarded as sly or cunning; a woman regarded as sexually attractive and alluring

76. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

77. The royal family celebrated their _____ with a parade and a special concert.

n. a special anniversary or celebration, especially one marking a 25th, 50th, or 60th year

78. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

79. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

ANSWERS: 72. bounce, 73. overnight, 74. contribute, 75. vixen, 76. erase, 77. jubilee, 78. optimistic, 79. conversation

80. My wife seems to be in ill _____.

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

81. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

82. The forest's darkness was complete, with a _____ that seemed to swallow everything.

n. the quality or condition of being black or dark; an absence of light; a state or condition of darkness, bleakness, or depression; the fact of being part of a group of individuals with dark skin who originate from or whose ancestors originated from Africa

83. Her influence on teenagers is _____.

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

84. This restaurant is known for its _____ approach to cuisine, using locally sourced and sustainable ingredients.

adj. (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture

85. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

86. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

87. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 80. humor, 81. Communal, 82. blackness, 83. undeniable, 84. indie, 85. reintroduce, 86. preached, 87. church

88. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
89. His facial _____ showed a mix of surprise and confusion.
n. the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
90. She wore a vintage swing dress and kicked up her heels doing the _____ with her partner.
n. a fast or energetic swing dance that originated in the United States in the 1930s and typically involved partners performing acrobatic or dynamic movements
91. The street _____ was known for its violent behavior.
n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
92. This space is a private office _____ to the President
adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
93. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.
adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
94. The beachfront property had a _____ location with stunning ocean views.
adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
95. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 88. singed, 89. expression, 90. jitterbug, 91. gang, 92. sacred, 93. nowhere, 94. desirable, 95. critics

96. I would love to _____ camping someday.

adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone

97. She is a leading female classical _____ dancer

n. a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing

98. She was _____ for the help he provided.

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

99. The _____ album of the band was a success.

n. the first public performance of an artist or actor

100. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

101. He gently touched her apple-red _____ and whispered that he loved her.

n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw

102. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

103. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

104. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

ANSWERS: 96. solo, 97. ballet, 98. grateful, 99. debut, 100. liberated, 101. cheek, 102. confidence, 103. emotional, 104. revolution

105. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.

- n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

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

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

107. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

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

108. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

- adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

109. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

- adj.* unbelievable; enormous

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

- n.* the first existence or beginning of something

111. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.

- n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

112. The _____ on the roof's edge was clogged with leaves, causing water to overflow.

- n.* a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater

113. The punk _____ emerged in the 1970s as a response to mainstream society and its values.

- n.* a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture

ANSWERS: 105. mainstream, 106. accomplishment, 107. exploit, 108. definitely, 109. incredible, 110. origin, 111. slave, 112. gutter, 113. subculture

114. 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

115. The _____ shattered the laboratory equipment.

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

116. I need to purchase a new English _____.

- n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

117. The _____ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

- n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

118. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.

- v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

119. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.

- n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

120. The mechanic adjusted the ____ mechanism to improve the engine's performance.

- n.* a device or mechanism that converts rotary motion to linear motion or vice versa; a revolving cylinder with an irregular shape used in machinery to convert rotary motion into intermittent or reciprocating motion; an abbreviation for camera

121. The stock market has been in a _____ trend for the past month.

- adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level

ANSWERS: 114. magic, 115. blast, 116. dictionary, 117. villain, 118. misunderstand, 119. pioneer, 120. cam, 121. downward

ANSWERS: