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Session 1: Word List

canvas

n. the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

(1) blank **canvas**, (2) oil on **canvas**

Life is a vast **canvas**; you should put as much paint on it as possible.

drench

v. to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet

synonym : soak, saturate, immerse

(1) **drench** with sweat, (2) **drench** the soil with fertilizer

The storm last night **drenched** everything in the yard, leaving puddles everywhere.

sunset

n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

synonym : evening, sundown, dusk

(1) **sunset** this function, (2) spectacular **sunset** views

He is in the **sunset** of his life.

hue

n. the quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength

synonym : dye, tint, coloring

(1) the **hues** of a rainbow, (2) **hue** change
To achieve a warmer **hue**, add orange paint.

radiate

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

synonym : give off, scatter, beam

(1) **radiate** an aura, (2) **radiate** in all directions

Roads **radiate** from the famous building in the center of the city.

flame

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

synonym : blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

glance

v. to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

synonym : glimpse, peek, flash

(1) **glance** around nervously, (2) **glance** at him miserably
I casually **glanced** into the small hut.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym : conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud

rev.

stem

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

synonym: branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick

A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

lush

adj. produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal

synonym: leafy, overgrown, dense

(1) **lush** and fertile land, (2) the abundance of **lush** vegetation

This area has an environment of **lush** greenery and water courses.

petal

n. one of the separate, usually colored, segments of a flower that produce its shape and are often found arranged in a circle around the reproductive parts

synonym: blossom, flower, bloom

(1) **petal** shape, (2) rose **petal**

The botany field is concerned with studying the structure of plant **petals**.

velvet

n. plush, smooth fabric with a short pile on one side, typically made of silk, cotton, or a synthetic material

synonym: fabric, plush

(1) **velvet** couch, (2) **velvet** dress

The **velvet** curtains added a touch of elegance to the room.

metamorphosis

n. a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation

synonym: transformation, change, evolution

(1) **metamorphosis** process, (2) undergo a **metamorphosis**

The butterfly's **metamorphosis** from a caterpillar to a winged creature is a wonder of nature.

geometry

n. the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces

(1) Euclidean **geometry**, (2) spherical **geometry**

The mathematician pioneered fractal **geometry**.

commonplace

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

synonym: ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

revolutionary

adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

synonym: radical, innovative, groundbreaking

(1) **revolutionary** change, (2) enforce **revolutionary** justice

The **revolutionary** leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

sculptor

n. an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

synonym: carver, modeler, artist

(1) **sculptor** studio, (2) renowned **sculptor**

The famous **sculptor** used various tools to carve the marble into the desired shape.

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.

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.

elusive

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

synonym: mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

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

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

pluck

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

synonym: grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

arrange

v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

synonym: set up, order, organize

(1) **arrange** the meeting, (2) the list was **arranged** alphabetically

I need to **arrange** plans with him for the celebration.

prestigious

adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

synonym: esteemed, renowned, eminent

(1) **prestigious** award, (2) **prestigious** event

The academy is known for its **prestigious** faculty and rigorous curriculum.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish

something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

faithful

adj. loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance

synonym: loyal, devoted, true

(1) **faithful** friend, (2) totally **faithful**

He remained **faithful** to his wife throughout their marriage.

reproduce

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

synonym: duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself

By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

convention

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

synonym: meeting, conference, congress

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

They met at biennial **conventions**.

solitude

n. the state of being alone and isolated from others

synonym: isolation, seclusion, loneliness

(1) live in **solitude**, (2) enjoyment of **solitude**

He sought **solitude** in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.

precision

n. the quality or condition of being exact and accurate

synonym: accuracy, exactness, rigor

(1) a **precision** instrument, (2) speak with **precision**

This operation requires both patience and **precision**.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

striking

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

synonym : arresting, astonishing, exceptional

(1) **striking** innovation, (2) **striking** evidence

The two plays have many **striking** parallels.

composition

n. the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

synonym : creating, formatting, arrangement

(1) age **composition** of the population, (2) the piano passages in the **composition**

Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of **composition**.

vivid

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

synonym : intense, powerful, dazzling

(1) **vivid** colors, (2) still **vivid** in my memory

She made a **vivid** impression.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

Arthurian

adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

urge

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

synonym: push for, advise, (noun) impulse

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

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

representation

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

synonym: delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

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

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

synonym: deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void

The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

charcoal

n. a black, porous substance made by burning wood or other organic matter in the absence of air, often used for drawing or cooking

synonym: carbon, soot, black

(1) **charcoal** brown, (2) **charcoal** grill

The artist used **charcoal** drawing to create a realistic portrait of her subject.

undulating

adj. having a rising and falling motion or appearance like waves; marked by a smooth, wavelike movement

synonym: rolling, rippling, waving

(1) **undulating** roads, (2) **undulating** waves

The **undulating** hills of Tuscany are a beautiful sight to see.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym: brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

billow

v. to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke

synonym: wave, swell, surge

(1) **billow** cloud, (2) **billow** like a sail

The smoke **billowed** out of the chimney and into the sky.

defy

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

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

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

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

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

cubism

n. a 20th-century art movement that emphasizes the formal structure of objects, often breaking them down into geometric shapes and planes and depicting them from multiple angles at once

synonym : abstractionism, geometric art

(1) geometric **cubism**, (2) abstract **cubism**

Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque are two of the most famous **cubism** artists.

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.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym : hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

rigid

adj. extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

synonym : strict, inflexible, stringent

(1) **rigid** rules, (2) **rigid** structure

He was unpopular because of his **rigid** adherence to the rules.

external

adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

synonym : outside, exterior, foreign

(1) **external** factors, (2) **external** commerce

When a company discloses information to the market, an **external** auditor verifies them.

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.

capture

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

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

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.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

cornerstone

n. a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed

synonym : foundation, basis, keystone

(1) **cornerstone** of democracy, (2) lay the **cornerstone**

Effective communication is often considered the **cornerstone** of a successful team.

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

synonym : beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity

Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

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.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym : characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

proponent

n. a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

synonym : advocate, devotee, follower

(1) enthusiastic **proponent**, (2) **proponent** of world peace

Einstein was a **proponent** of the theory of relativity.

desire

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

synonym : ambition, appetite, greed

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

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

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

geometric

adj. relating to or having the characteristics of geometry (= the shape, properties, and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids)

synonym : mathematical, symmetrical, regular

(1) a **geometric** proof, (2) **geometric** pattern

The **geometric** shapes and patterns in the artwork are visually stunning.

probe

n. a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

synonym : investigation, inquiry, examination

(1) a lunar **probe**, (2) **probe** for inside information

NASA sent a **probe** to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

psyche

n. the human soul, mind, or spirit

synonym : mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing

The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

reluctant

adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears

synonym : hesitant, unwilling, unenthusiastic

(1) slowly becoming more **reluctant**, (2) **reluctant** readers

He was **reluctant** to share his thoughts on the matter.

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.

exhibition

n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

synonym: display, show, presentation

(1) a personal **exhibition**, (2) **exhibition** opening

The art museum is hosting an **exhibition** of contemporary paintings next month.

relation

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

synonym: association, linkage, connection

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

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

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

retreat

n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

synonym: escape, withdrawal, vacation

(1) **retreat** deeper into their territory, (2) **retreat** in a mountain region

Many people go on a **retreat** to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym : analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

craggy

adj. rugged and uneven in appearance; having rough, projecting rocks or cliffs

synonym : rocky, rugged, rough

(1) **craggy** terrain, (2) **craggy** cliffs

The hiker climbed up the **craggy** mountain trail with difficulty.

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym : gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

bleach

v. to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach

synonym : whiten, lighten, blanch

(1) **bleach** stains, (2) **bleach** hair

I need to **bleach** this shirt to remove the stains.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

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.

ritual

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

synonym : tradition, ceremony, routine

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

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

observation

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

synonym : watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

meticulous

adj. cautious and precise; paying great attention to detail

synonym : careful, precise, thorough

(1) take **meticulous** notes, (2) a **meticulous** carpenter

She is known for her **meticulous** attention to detail in her work.

handmade

adj. made by hand rather than by machine or mass production methods; crafted manually or using traditional methods

synonym : handcrafted, homemade, artisanal

(1) **handmade** crafts, (2) **handmade** soap

The jewelry was all **handmade** by local artisans using traditional techniques.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

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.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact
We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

ram

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

synonym : crash, collide, slam

(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice
The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

skull

n. a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

synonym : cranium, scalp, brain

(1) **skull** fracture, (2) have a thick **skull**
Archaeologists found a Neanderthal **skull** at that historic site.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars
The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

overshadow

v. to cast a shadow over; to dominate or surpass in importance; to make someone or something seemingly insignificant or less important by comparison

synonym : eclipse, dominate, outshine

(1) **overshadowing** performance, (2) **overshadowed** by controversy

The rising young star's talent **overshadowed** the rest of the cast.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym : throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

skeleton

n. the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant

synonym : bones, frame, structure

(1) the steel **skeleton** of a building, (2) **skeleton** hand

Scientists studied the ancient **skeleton** to learn more about the creature's anatomy.

eerie

adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural

synonym : bizarre, creepy, dreadful

(1) **eerie** silence, (2) the **eerie** whistle of dropping bombs

The street was entirely silent and a bit **eerie**.

captivate

v. to attract and hold the attention or interest of
synonym: enchant, charm, fascinate

(1) **captivate** public sentiment, (2) **captivate** the mind

The magician **captivated** the audience with his illusions.

praise

n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

synonym: acclaim, honor, commendation

(1) attain critical **praise**, (2) universal **praise**

The drama series mainly received **praise**.

fiery

adj. very intense; like or suggestive of fire

synonym: igneous, passionate, fervent

(1) a **fiery** speech, (2) a **fiery** sunset

He is a man of **fiery** temperament.

poppy

n. a plant with large, showy flowers of various colors, including red, pink, yellow, and white, and a capsule containing small seeds, and some species of poppy are used to produce opium and its derivatives

(1) **poppy** tea, (2) **poppy** seeds

She wore a red **poppy** on her lapel to honor the veterans.

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**.

infatuate

v. to be inspired with a very strong but usually short-lived passion, love, or admiration for someone or something

synonym: beguile, captivate, charm

(1) **infatuate** the audience, (2) make me **infatuated**

He has been **infatuated** with her since he met her.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

genital

adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

synonym: reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

synonym: decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

interpretation

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

synonym: rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**

His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

resent

v. to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something

synonym: dislike, begrudge, envy

(1) **resent** being called a fool, (2) **resent** their success

He couldn't help but **resent** his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.

gaze

v. to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are

thinking about something else

synonym: stare, gawk, look

(1) **gaze** steadily at his face, (2) **gaze** absently out a window

The youngster was **gazed** at by the beast.

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.

evocation

n. the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled

synonym: summoning, calling, eliciting

(1) **evocation** of memories, (2) poetic **evocation**

The novel's vivid descriptions created an **evocation** of the bustling streets of a major city.

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.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

eyesight

n. the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness

synonym: vision, sight, eyes

(1) impaired **eyesight**, (2) acute **eyesight**

His excellent **eyesight** allowed him to spot the bird in the dense foliage.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym : enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

tactile

adj. relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch

synonym : touchable, tangible, palpable

(1) **tactile** stimulation, (2) **tactile** feedback

The **tactile** sensation of the fabric was soft and smooth to the touch.

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.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym : possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

mystique

n. an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction

synonym : aura, charm, enchantment

(1) **mystique** surrounding, (2) celebrity **mystique**

The actress had a **mystique** about her that drew people to her.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. blank ca___s | <i>n.</i> the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on |
| 2. political con_____on | <i>n.</i> a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example |
| 3. exh_____on opening | <i>n.</i> a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery |
| 4. renowned sc_____or | <i>n.</i> an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms |
| 5. severe cr___c | <i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc. |
| 6. a b__d design | <i>adj.</i> brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks |
| 7. di_____sh a reputation | <i>v.</i> to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc. |
| 8. ve___t dress | <i>n.</i> plush, smooth fabric with a short pile on one side, typically made of silk, cotton, or a synthetic material |
| 9. the h_es of a rainbow | <i>n.</i> the quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength |

ANSWERS: 1. canvas, 2. convention, 3. exhibition, 4. sculptor, 5. critic, 6. bold, 7. diminish, 8. velvet, 9. hue

10. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
11. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
12. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
13. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
14. pre____us event *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
15. ca___n of skyscrapers *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
16. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
17. ca____te public sentiment *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
18. met____sis process *n.* a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation
19. take met____us notes *adj.* cautious and precise; paying great attention to detail
20. pr__e for inside information *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

ANSWERS: 10. employ, 11. massive, 12. specific, 13. employ, 14. prestigious, 15. canyon, 16. bold, 17. captivate, 18. metamorphosis, 19. meticulous, 20. probe

21. poetic ev_____on *n.* the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled
22. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
23. the list was ar_____ed alphabetically *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
24. 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
25. Euclidean ge_____ry *n.* the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces
26. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
27. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
28. an ar_____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
29. still vi__d in my memory *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
30. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
31. slowly becoming more re_____nt *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears

ANSWERS: 21. evocation, 22. increasingly, 23. arrange, 24. tradition, 25. geometry, 26. observation, 27. transformation, 28. artistic, 29. vivid, 30. capture, 31. reluctant

32. the in_____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
33. 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
34. a personal exh_____on *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
35. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
36. di_____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
37. totally fa_____ul *adj.* loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance
38. ex_____al factors *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
39. pain in the ge_____l area *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
40. in samba rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
41. cor_____ne of democracy *n.* a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed

ANSWERS: 32. internal, 33. tradition, 34. exhibition, 35. refer, 36. dismiss, 37. faithful, 38. external, 39. genital, 40. rhythm, 41. cornerstone

42. the piano passages in the
com_____on
43. ha_____de soap
44. r_v up the crowd
45. in_____e a feeling of curiosity
46. pr_____s improvement
47. re____t their success
48. unsolved my_____y
- n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
- adj.* made by hand rather than by machine or mass production methods; crafted manually or using traditional methods
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
- 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
- v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
- n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 42. composition, 43. handmade, 44. rev, 45. inspire, 46. process, 47. resent, 48. mystery

49. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
50. ra_____e in all directions *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
51. ex_____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
52. ta_____e stimulation *adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
53. re_____t in a mountain region *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
54. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
55. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
56. track down an el_____e fact *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
57. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
58. ma_____st displeasure *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
59. the abundance of l__h vegetation *adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal

ANSWERS: 49. relation, 50. radiate, 51. explore, 52. tactile, 53. retreat, 54. perspective, 55. experiment, 56. elusive, 57. abstract, 58. manifest, 59. lush

60. have a thick sk__l *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
61. simmering fl__e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
62. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
63. ma____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
64. st____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
65. 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
66. the steel sk____on of a building *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
67. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
68. su__t this function *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

ANSWERS: 60. skull, 61. flame, 62. cast, 63. massive, 64. striking, 65. movement, 66. skeleton, 67. refer, 68. sunset

69. my_____ue surrounding *n.* an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction
70. st_____ng innovation *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
71. con_____on center *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
72. art cr_____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
73. re_____ce the painting *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
74. in_____te the audience *v.* to be inspired with a very strong but usually short-lived passion, love, or admiration for someone or something
75. age com_____on of the population *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
76. twisty ca_____n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
77. pe__l shape *n.* one of the separate, usually colored, segments of a flower that produce its shape and are often found arranged in a circle around the reproductive parts

ANSWERS: 69. mystique, 70. striking, 71. convention, 72. critic, 73. reproduce, 74. infatuate, 75. composition, 76. canyon, 77. petal

78. sk____on hand *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
79. ee__e silence *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
80. re____n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
81. celebrity my____ue *n.* an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction
82. in____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
83. an el____e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
84. ma____st as the word *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
85. impaired ey____ht *n.* the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness
86. the Ar____an cycle *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
87. de____e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
88. ov____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
89. fleshly de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 78. skeleton, 79. eerie, 80. retain, 81. mystique, 82. internal, 83. elusive, 84. manifest, 85. eyesight, 86. Arthurian, 87. define, 88. overlook, 89. desire

90. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
91. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
92. attain critical pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
93. ch_____al brown *n.* a black, porous substance made by burning wood or other organic matter in the absence of air, often used for drawing or cooking
94. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
95. re___t being called a fool *v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
96. bl___h hair *v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
97. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
98. undergo a met_____sis *n.* a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation

ANSWERS: 90. grand, 91. settle, 92. praise, 93. charcoal, 94. landscape, 95. resent, 96. bleach, 97. urge, 98. metamorphosis

99. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
100. the s__m of a matchstick *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
101. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
102. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
103. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
104. ar_____e the meeting *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
105. make me in_____ted *v.* to be inspired with a very strong but usually short-lived passion, love, or admiration for someone or something
106. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
107. 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
108. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 99. defy, 100. stem, 101. emotional, 102. abstract, 103. ram, 104. arrange, 105. infatuate, 106. defy, 107. movement, 108. mystery

109. ge____l bleeding *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
110. a met_____us carpenter *adj.* cautious and precise; paying great attention to detail
111. pl__k out weeds *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
112. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
113. cr___y cliffs *adj.* rugged and uneven in appearance; having rough, projecting rocks or cliffs
114. cr___y terrain *adj.* rugged and uneven in appearance; having rough, projecting rocks or cliffs
115. Ar_____an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
116. ri__d rules *adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
117. irregular heart rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
118. dr___h with sweat *v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
119. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
120. vi__d colors *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

ANSWERS: 109. genital, 110. meticulous, 111. pluck, 112. settle, 113. craggy, 114. craggy, 115. Arthurian, 116. rigid, 117. rhythm, 118. drench, 119. magic, 120. vivid

121. bi___w like a sail *v.* to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke
122. re___r an assessment *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
123. oil on ca___s *n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
124. fa____ul friend *adj.* loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance
125. ps___e healing *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
126. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
127. po__y seeds *n.* a plant with large, showy flowers of various colors, including red, pink, yellow, and white, and a capsule containing small seeds, and some species of poppy are used to produce opium and its derivatives
128. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
129. gl___e at him miserably *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
130. gl___e around nervously *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
131. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 121. billow, 122. render, 123. canvas, 124. faithful, 125. psyche, 126. observation, 127. poppy, 128. psychology, 129. glance, 130. glance, 131. eventually

132. oasis in the de___t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
133. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
134. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
135. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
136. 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
137. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
138. re_____t deeper into their territory *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
139. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
140. ove_____owed by controversy *v.* to cast a shadow over; to dominate or surpass in importance; to make someone or something seemingly insignificant or less important by comparison

ANSWERS: 132. desert, 133. institute, 134. ritual, 135. desert, 136. process, 137. ritual, 138. retreat, 139. psychology, 140. overshadow

141. com_____ce event *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
142. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
143. ex_____al commerce *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
144. g__e absently out a window *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
145. und_____ng waves *adj.* having a rising and falling motion or appearance like waves; marked by a smooth, wavelike movement
146. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
147. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
148. lay the cor_____ne *n.* a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed
149. enthusiastic pr_____nt *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
150. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
151. ha_____de crafts *adj.* made by hand rather than by machine or mass production methods; crafted manually or using traditional methods

ANSWERS: 141. commonplace, 142. eventually, 143. external, 144. gaze, 145. undulating, 146. celebrate, 147. celebrate, 148. cornerstone, 149. proponent, 150. creative, 151. handmade

152. ra_____e an aura *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
153. l__h and fertile land *adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal
154. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
155. enjoyment of so_____de *n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
156. 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
157. enforce rev_____ary justice *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
158. ex_____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
159. the ee__e whistle of dropping bombs *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
160. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
161. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
162. spectacular su____t views *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

ANSWERS: 152. radiate, 153. lush, 154. specific, 155. solitude, 156. medium, 157. revolutionary, 158. explore, 159. eerie, 160. inspire, 161. capture, 162. sunset

163. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
164. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
165. g__e steadily at his face *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
166. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
167. ri__d structure *adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
168. open to int_____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
169. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
170. bl___h stains *v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
171. h_e change *n.* the quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength
172. speak with pr_____on *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
173. und_____ng roads *adj.* having a rising and falling motion or appearance like waves; marked by a smooth, wavelike movement

ANSWERS: 163. increasingly, 164. cast, 165. gaze, 166. urge, 167. rigid, 168. interpretation, 169. experiment, 170. bleach, 171. hue, 172. precision, 173. undulating

174. live in so____de
175. a lunar pr__e
176. in_____te a lawsuit
177. geometric cu___m
178. po__y tea
179. spherical ge_____ry
180. di_____sh swelling
- n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
- n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
- n.* a 20th-century art movement that emphasizes the formal structure of objects, often breaking them down into geometric shapes and planes and depicting them from multiple angles at once
- n.* a plant with large, showy flowers of various colors, including red, pink, yellow, and white, and a capsule containing small seeds, and some species of poppy are used to produce opium and its derivatives
- n.* the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces
- v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

ANSWERS: 174. solitude, 175. probe, 176. institute, 177. cubism, 178. poppy, 179. geometry, 180. diminish

181. ev_____on of memories *n.* the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled
182. bi___w cloud *v.* to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke
183. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
184. sales rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
185. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
186. rose pe___l *n.* one of the separate, usually colored, segments of a flower that produce its shape and are often found arranged in a circle around the reproductive parts
187. 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
188. a gr___d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
189. ch_____al grill *n.* a black, porous substance made by burning wood or other organic matter in the absence of air, often used for drawing or cooking

ANSWERS: 181. evocation, 182. billow, 183. emotional, 184. representation, 185. desire, 186. petal, 187. medium, 188. grand, 189. charcoal

190. pl__k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
191. s__m from a belief *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
192. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
193. a fi__y sunset *adj.* very intense; like or suggestive of fire
194. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
195. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
196. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
197. ove_____owing performance *v.* to cast a shadow over; to dominate or surpass in importance; to make someone or something seemingly insignificant or less important by comparison
198. re_____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

ANSWERS: 190. pluck, 191. stem, 192. define, 193. fiery, 194. transformation, 195. rev, 196. representation, 197. overshadow, 198. reproduce

199. di_____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
200. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
201. acute ey_____ht *n.* the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness
202. universal pr____e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
203. ge_____ic pattern *adj.* relating to or having the characteristics of geometry (= the shape, properties, and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids)
204. dr____h the soil with fertilizer *v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
205. abstract cu____m *n.* a 20th-century art movement that emphasizes the formal structure of objects, often breaking them down into geometric shapes and planes and depicting them from multiple angles at once
206. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
207. sc_____or studio *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
208. become a com_____ce sight *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

ANSWERS: 199. dismiss, 200. relation, 201. eyesight, 202. praise, 203. geometric, 204. drench, 205. cubism, 206. dominate, 207. sculptor, 208. commonplace

209. deep ps___e	<i>n.</i> the human soul, mind, or spirit
210. ov_____ok that fact	<i>v.</i> to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
211. ve___t couch	<i>n.</i> plush, smooth fabric with a short pile on one side, typically made of silk, cotton, or a synthetic material
212. re___n a lawyer	<i>v.</i> to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
213. fl__e of passion	<i>n.</i> a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
214. do_____te possession	<i>v.</i> to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
215. re_____nt readers	<i>adj.</i> unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
216. pr_____nt of world peace	<i>n.</i> a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
217. a peaceful la_____pe	<i>n.</i> an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
218. pre_____us award	<i>adj.</i> having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
219. the per_____ve of the battle	<i>n.</i> a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 209. psyche, 210. overlook, 211. velvet, 212. retain, 213. flame, 214. dominate, 215. reluctant, 216. proponent, 217. landscape, 218. prestigious, 219. perspective

220. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
221. rev____ary change *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
222. r_m into the ice *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
223. cultural and ar____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
224. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
225. ca____te the mind *v.* to attract and hold the attention or interest of
226. a fi__y speech *adj.* very intense; like or suggestive of fire
227. a ge____ic proof *adj.* relating to or having the characteristics of geometry (= the shape, properties, and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids)
228. ta____e feedback *adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
229. re___r the contract void *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
230. the int_____ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

ANSWERS: 220. magic, 221. revolutionary, 222. ram, 223. artistic, 224. creative, 225. captivate, 226. fiery, 227. geometric, 228. tactile, 229. render, 230. interpretation

231. a pr_____on instrument

n. the quality or condition of being exact and accurate

232. sk__l fracture

n. a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

ANSWERS: 231. precision, 232. skull

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. He has been _____ with her since he met her.
 - v.* to be inspired with a very strong but usually short-lived passion, love, or admiration for someone or something

3. The smoke _____ out of the chimney and into the sky.
 - v.* to surge or rise in a large, swelling mass, especially of smoke or water; (noun) a large wave or swell of something, especially water or smoke

4. Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of _____.
 - n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

5. The academy is known for its _____ faculty and rigorous curriculum.
 - adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

6. 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

7. I casually _____ into the small hut.
 - v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

ANSWERS: 1. movement, 2. infatuated, 3. billowed, 4. composition, 5. prestigious, 6. process, 7. glanced

8. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
9. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
10. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
11. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
12. 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
13. He sought _____ in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.
n. the state of being alone and isolated from others
14. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
15. 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: 8. institutes, 9. rev, 10. increasingly, 11. emotional, 12. medium, 13. solitude, 14. experiments, 15. celebrated

16. The _____ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.
- n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
17. When a company discloses information to the market, an _____ auditor verifies them.
- adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
18. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.
- v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
19. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
- n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
20. NASA sent a _____ to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.
- n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
21. The drama series mainly received _____.
- n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
22. The _____ shapes and patterns in the artwork are visually stunning.
- adj.* relating to or having the characteristics of geometry (= the shape, properties, and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids)
23. The novel's vivid descriptions created an _____ of the bustling streets of a major city.
- n.* the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled

ANSWERS: 16. flame, 17. external, 18. cast, 19. transformations, 20. probe, 21.

praise, 22. geometric, 23. evocation

24. His excellent _____ allowed him to spot the bird in the dense foliage.
n. the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness
25. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
26. The _____ hills of Tuscany are a beautiful sight to see.
adj. having a rising and falling motion or appearance like waves; marked by a smooth, wavelike movement
27. The _____ leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.
adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
28. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
29. The _____ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.
adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
30. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
31. The jury must _____ a decision on this complex case.
v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
32. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 24. eyesight, 25. settle, 26. undulating, 27. revolutionary, 28. critics, 29. genital, 30. inspired, 31. render, 32. creative

33. As people get old, their energies may _____.
- v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
34. The two plays have many _____ parallels.
- adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
35. I need to _____ this shirt to remove the stains.
- v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
36. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.
- n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
37. He is in the _____ of his life.
- n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
38. The youngster was _____ at by the beast.
- v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
39. He was _____ to share his thoughts on the matter.
- adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
40. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.
- n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

ANSWERS: 33. diminish, 34. striking, 35. bleach, 36. ritual, 37. sunset, 38. gazed, 39. reluctant, 40. representation

41. Roads _____ from the famous building in the center of the city.
- v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
42. 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
43. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
44. Many people go on a _____ to recharge and reconnect with themselves.
- n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
45. The hiker climbed up the _____ mountain trail with difficulty.
- adj.* rugged and uneven in appearance; having rough, projecting rocks or cliffs
46. 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
47. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.
- v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
48. The mathematician pioneered fractal _____.
- n.* the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces

ANSWERS: 41. radiate, 42. magic, 43. perspective, 44. retreat, 45. craggy, 46. tradition, 47. urged, 48. geometry

49. He couldn't help but _____ his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.
- v. to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
50. Scientists studied the ancient _____ to learn more about the creature's anatomy.
- n. the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
51. They met at biennial _____.
- n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
52. The Prime Minister _____ his regret for his neighbors
- v. to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
53. She _____ the flowers off the bush.
- v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
54. The art museum is hosting an _____ of contemporary paintings next month.
- n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
55. The storm last night _____ everything in the yard, leaving puddles everywhere.
- v. to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet

ANSWERS: 49. resent, 50. skeleton, 51. conventions, 52. manifested, 53. plucked, 54. exhibition, 55. drenched

56. The street was entirely silent and a bit _____.

adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural

57. He remained _____ to his wife throughout their marriage.

adj. loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance

58. 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

59. She is known for her _____ attention to detail in her work.

adj. cautious and precise; paying great attention to detail

60. She had a master's degree in _____.

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

61. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

62. The actress had a _____ about her that drew people to her.

n. an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction

63. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

64. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

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

ANSWERS: 56. eerie, 57. faithful, 58. rhythm, 59. meticulous, 60. psychology, 61. abstract, 62. mystique, 63. observation, 64. capture

65. This region is predominantly _____.

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

66. His _____ of literary works are often unique.

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

67. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

68. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

69. The _____ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

70. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

71. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

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

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

73. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

ANSWERS: 65. desert, 66. interpretations, 67. eventually, 68. massive, 69. Arthurian, 70. landscape, 71. artistic, 72. desire, 73. dismiss

74. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria _____.
- v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
75. Effective communication is often considered the _____ of a successful team.
- n.* a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed
76. The famous _____ used various tools to carve the marble into the desired shape.
- n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
77. The physicist who found the _____ particle won the Nobel Prize.
- adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
78. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.
- v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
79. Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque are two of the most famous _____ artists.
- n.* a 20th-century art movement that emphasizes the formal structure of objects, often breaking them down into geometric shapes and planes and depicting them from multiple angles at once
80. The Grand _____ has an awe-inspiring sight.
- n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
81. The jewelry was all _____ by local artisans using traditional techniques.
- adj.* made by hand rather than by machine or mass production methods; crafted manually or using traditional methods

ANSWERS: 74. reproduce, 75. cornerstone, 76. sculptor, 77. elusive, 78. defy, 79. cubism, 80. Canyon, 81. handmade

82. Forgetting someone's name is a _____ occurrence.

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

83. This area has an environment of _____ greenery and water courses.

adj. produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal

84. He is a man of _____ temperament.

adj. very intense; like or suggestive of fire

85. The therapist helped her understand the workings of her _____ and how to cope with her anxiety.

n. the human soul, mind, or spirit

86. The botany field is concerned with studying the structure of plant _____.

n. one of the separate, usually colored, segments of a flower that produce its shape and are often found arranged in a circle around the reproductive parts

87. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

88. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

89. A rose has thorns on its _____.

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

ANSWERS: 82. commonplace, 83. lush, 84. fiery, 85. psyche, 86. petals, 87. mystery, 88. explore, 89. stem

90. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
91. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
- v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
92. The car _____ into the wall, causing significant damage.
- v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
93. Archaeologists found a Neanderthal _____ at that historic site.
- n. a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
94. I need to _____ plans with him for the celebration.
- v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
95. She wore a red _____ on her lapel to honor the veterans.
- n. a plant with large, showy flowers of various colors, including red, pink, yellow, and white, and a capsule containing small seeds, and some species of poppy are used to produce opium and its derivatives
96. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.
- adj. of or relating to the inside of something
97. The butterfly's _____ from a caterpillar to a winged creature is a wonder of nature.
- n. a profound or dramatic change in form, structure, or condition; a transformation; the process by which an animal or insect undergoes a physical transformation, such as growth, development, or maturation

ANSWERS: 90. define, 91. overlook, 92. rammed, 93. skull, 94. arrange, 95. poppy, 96. internal, 97. metamorphosis

98. The _____ sensation of the fabric was soft and smooth to the touch.

adj. relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch

99. The artist used _____ drawing to create a realistic portrait of her subject.

n. a black, porous substance made by burning wood or other organic matter in the absence of air, often used for drawing or cooking

100. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

101. The rising young star's talent _____ the rest of the cast.

v. to cast a shadow over; to dominate or surpass in importance; to make someone or something seemingly insignificant or less important by comparison

102. To achieve a warmer _____ add orange paint.

n. the quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength

103. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

104. The magician _____ the audience with his illusions.

v. to attract and hold the attention or interest of

105. She made a _____ impression.

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

ANSWERS: 98. tactile, 99. charcoal, 100. specific, 101. overshadowed, 102. hue, 103. refer, 104. captivated, 105. vivid

106. He was unpopular because of his _____ adherence to the rules.

adj. extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

107. Einstein was a _____ of the theory of relativity.

n. a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

108. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

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

109. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

110. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

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

111. Life is a vast _____ you should put as much paint on it as possible.

n. the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

112. Computers help people _____ specific memories.

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

113. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

114. The _____ curtains added a touch of elegance to the room.

n. plush, smooth fabric with a short pile on one side, typically made of silk, cotton, or a synthetic material

ANSWERS: 106. rigid, 107. proponent, 108. relations, 109. bold, 110. grand, 111. canvas;, 112. retain, 113. employ, 114. velvet

115. This operation requires both patience and _____.

n. the quality or condition of being exact and accurate

116. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

ANSWERS: 115. precision, 116. dominates