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Session 1: Word List

- ode** *n.* a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone
synonym : poem, song, verse
(1) nature **ode**, (2) an **ode** to love
The poet composed a beautiful **ode** to nature and its wonders.
- planet** *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
synonym : earth, world, globe
(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.
- germ** *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen
(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment
The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

- blip** *n.* a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend
(1) temporary **blip**, (2) minor **blip**
The stock market had one bad **blip** today.
- sprout** *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
synonym: germinate, grow, bud
(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings
The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.
- weird** *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar
(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**
My computer has been acting **weird** recently.
- headlight** *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
synonym: headlamp, beam, lamp
(1) **headlight** adjustment, (2) **headlight** switch
My car's **headlight** must be replaced before I drive again at night.
- extinguish** *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
synonym: quench, smother, blow out
(1) **extinguish** a cigarette, (2) **extinguish** the street lamp
Firefighters made every effort to **extinguish** the blaze immediately.
- pigeon** *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof
The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread

crumbs left for it.

bulb

n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

(1) wet- **bulb** thermometer, (2) a lily **bulb**

The light **bulb** has burned out.

noir

adj. a type of film or literature that emphasizes crime, darkness, and moral ambiguity, often using shadowy, low-light cinematography or atmospheric prose; meaning "black" or "dark" in French

synonym: dark, shadowy, black

(1) **noir** crime novel, (2) **noir** atmosphere

The film **noir** genre is known for its dark and brooding atmosphere.

acetaminophen

n. (also paracetamol) a drug used to relieve mild or chronic pain and high temperature

(1) **acetaminophen-containing** tablet, (2) high-dose **acetaminophen**

Such patients are better off using **acetaminophen** wisely.

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym: insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

flamingo

n. a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa

(1) **flamingo** habitat, (2) **flamingo** flock

The **flamingo's** bright pink feathers perfectly blended into the tropical sunset.

ukulele

n. a small, four-stringed instrument of Hawaiian origin that is similar to a guitar and is played by strumming or plucking the strings

synonym : uke, small guitar

(1) tune the **ukulele**, (2) **ukulele** music

He played the **ukulele** and sang sweet Hawaiian songs on the beach.

elevator

n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

synonym : lift, hoist

(1) **elevator** ride, (2) modern **elevator**

The hotel's **elevator** was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

beam

n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

synonym : ray, ray of light, shaft of light

(1) **beam** of light, (2) a structural **beam** of a building

The sun's **beam** shone through the window and illuminated the room.

battery

n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

synonym : electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym : creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

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**.

orb

n. a sphere or ball-shaped object, often referring to celestial bodies such as planets or stars

synonym : globe, sphere, ball

(1) **orb** of light, (2) crystal **orb**

The planet Venus appeared as a bright **orb** in the sky during the night.

cosmos

n. another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

synonym : universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

accent

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

synonym : articulation, inflection, pronunciation

(1) a foreign **accent**, (2) put the **accent** on comfort

She has a thick southern **accent**.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym : approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

intelligent

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system
Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

magnitude

n. the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

synonym : size, extent, level

(1) a star of the first **magnitude**, (2) the **magnitude** of the disaster

The **magnitude** of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

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.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym : frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

narrate

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

synonym :

tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

morph

v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

synonym: alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**
There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

skip

v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

synonym: bounce, spring, neglect

(1) **skip** across the country, (2) **skip** breakfast

We **skipped** the topic because it was too complicated.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym: cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

squeeze

v. to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

synonym: compress, crush, clamp

(1) **squeeze** a lemon, (2) **squeeze** a confession

She **squeezed** the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.

dirt

n. soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

synonym: filth, grime, muck

(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track

The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.

foliage

n. the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery,

often used for decorative purposes

synonym : leaves, greenery, flora

(1) colorful **foliage**, (2) autumn **foliage**

The vibrant **foliage** on the vines made the winery look even more beautiful.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym : actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

maneuver

n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

synonym : gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**

In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

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.

parish

n. a territorial division of a diocese, having its church and member of the clergy, typically for administrative and

community purposes

synonym : district, community, congregation

(1) **parish** church, (2) civil **parish**

The **parish** council met monthly to discuss community issues and plan events.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

synonym : prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past

Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

sculpture

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

synonym : statuary, carving, modeling

(1) create **sculpture**, (2) abstract **sculpture**

The ancient Greek **sculptures** are known for their realism and attention to detail.

large-scale

adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

synonym : big, massive, grand

(1) **large-scale** project, (2) **large-scale** agriculture

The company is planning to make a **large-scale** expansion of its factory.

anniversary

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

synonym : commemoration, celebration, observance

(1) **anniversary** celebration, (2) a bicentennial **anniversary**
They celebrated their 10th **anniversary** with a romantic dinner.

installation

n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
synonym: induction, introduction, furnishing

(1) **installation** fee, (2) a medical **installation**

The Queen attested the **installation** of state ministers to their portfolios.

helmet

n. a protective covering for the head, worn for safety or as part of a uniform or ceremonial dress
synonym: headgear, head protector, safety hat

(1) **helmet** size, (2) safety **helmet**

The worker survived the impact because they were wearing sturdy **helmets**.

launch

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

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

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

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

remotely

adv. at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
synonym: distantly, remotely, slightly

(1) **remotely** operate, (2) control **remotely**

The company can **remotely** access its employees' computers for troubleshooting purposes.

diameter

n. the length of a straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference

synonym: diam, width

(1) **diameter** of an oval, (2) a particle **diameter**

Draw a circle five centimeters in **diameter**.

mar

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

synonym: damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation

The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

yoga

n. a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation

synonym: meditation, exercise, spiritual practice

(1) aerial **yoga**, (2) **yoga** teacher

Many people find that regular **yoga** practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym: clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

vast

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

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

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

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym : spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

solar

adj. of, from, or relating to the sun

(1) the **solar** system, (2) a **solar** eclipse

Solar panels have greatly improved not only in performance but also in durability.

constellation

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

synonym : asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym : existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**
The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

cluster

n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

synonym: group, aggregation, array

(1) live in a **cluster**, (2) a **cluster** of stars

A **cluster** of grapes hung from the vine.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym: being, animal, organism

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

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

elegance

n. the quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner

synonym: grace, refinement, poise

(1) austere **elegance**, (2) natural **elegance**

The **elegance** of her dress was breathtaking.

nurture

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

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

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

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

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

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

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

defiant

adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms

synonym:

rebellious, disobedient, insubordinate

(1) a **defiant** attitude, (2) **defiant** eye

The **defiant** student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.

shield

n. a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

synonym: guard, protection, safeguard

(1) a heat **shield**, (2) a **shield** for protecting against a bullet
Lead is an effective **shield** against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.

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.

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym: delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym: acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

spectator

n. someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it

synonym: onlooker, observer, viewer

(1) mass **spectator** sport, (2) **spectator** seat

She enjoyed watching the game as a **spectator**.

cosmic

adj. relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless
synonym : astronomical, celestial, outer-space

(1) second **cosmic** velocity, (2) **cosmic** background radiation

Cosmic rays are high-energy particles that originate from outside the solar system.

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.

ignorance

n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

synonym : unintelligence, inexperience, unawareness

(1) **ignorance** of the law, (2) **ignorance** is bliss

His **ignorance** of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

survey

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

synonym : study, examination, poll

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

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax

increase to some extent.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

surrender

v. to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority

synonym: yield, submit, relinquish

(1) **surrender** at discretion, (2) **surrender** an insurance policy

The enemy was forced to **surrender** after a long battle.

undo

v. to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific

synonym: reverse, retract, revoke

(1) **undo** changes, (2) **undo** a belt

I accidentally deleted the file, so can you **undo** that action?

arrogance

n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance

synonym: hubris, haughtiness, conceit

(1) brazen **arrogance**, (2) **arrogance** of power

He acted with **arrogance** and was not well-liked by his colleagues.

overboard

adv. to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational

synonym: recklessly, excessively

(1) fell **overboard**, (2) dumped **overboard**

He went **overboard** with his criticism, and it hurt her feelings.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym: down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym: descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

spinning

n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

synonym: whirling, rotating, spinning wheel

(1) **spinning** machine, (2) **spinning** wheel

She took a **spinning** class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.

oblivious

adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

synonym: forgetful, clueless, unaware

(1) **oblivious** of his promise, (2) **oblivious** to our response

She was so engrossed in her work that she was **oblivious** to

her surroundings.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

chaos

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

synonym: disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

belong

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

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

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

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

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

routine

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

synonym: habit, custom, procedure

(1) **routine** business, (2) a built-in diagnostic **routine**

She studies gardening on a **routine** basis.

individually

adv. separately or apart from others

synonym: separately, one by one, independently

(1) answer questions **individually**, (2) **individually** designed product

Each department has done its product costing **individually**.

inspiring

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

synonym: exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe- **inspiring** sight

An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

reckon

v. to think or believe something

synonym: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

lament

v. to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning

synonym: mourn, grieve, bemoan

(1) **lament** my misfortunes, (2) **lament** the situation

She **lamented** the loss of her beloved cat.

relish

v. to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation

synonym: enjoy, savor, taste

(1) **relish** my food, (2) **relish** every bite

He **relished** the opportunity to try the exotic dishes at the new restaurant.

infinitesimal

adj. extremely small or tiny; almost negligible in size or quantity

synonym: tiny, minuscule, microscopic

(1) **infinitesimal** variation, (2) **infinitesimal** change

The scientist used an **infinitesimal** amount of the compound in their experiment.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym: hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

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**.

obsolete

adj. no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced

synonym: ancient, bygone, outdated

(1) an **obsolete** word, (2) become **obsolete**

New technology has rendered my old smartphone **obsolete**.

suffocate

v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

synonym: choke, smother, stifle

(1) **suffocate** to death, (2) **suffocate** fire

People can **suffocate** from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym: mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

halt *v.* to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating
synonym: stop, cease, terminate
(1) **halt** production, (2) **halt** progress
The train came to a **halt** at the station.

machinery *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
synonym: apparatus, appliance, equipment
(1) heavy **machinery**, (2) inactive **machinery**
The **machinery** of audit formally issued a business improvement order.

progression *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
synonym: advancement, development, evolution
(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease
The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

silent *adj.* without any or little sound
synonym: quiet, hushed, mute
(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent
The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

opportune *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
synonym: suitable, timely, practical
(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

reset *v.* to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition

synonym : restart, reinitialize, set anew

(1) **reset** password, (2) **reset** my brain

She **reset** the computer to fix the problem.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a dry ba____y *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
2. a foreign ac____t *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
3. de____t eye *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
4. m_r the reputation *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
5. social di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
6. mo____to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
7. mo__h into something entirely different *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
8. a man of imp____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note

ANSWERS: 1. battery, 2. accent, 3. defiant, 4. mar, 5. distance, 6. mosquito, 7. morph, 8. importance

9. a bicentennial ann_____ry *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
10. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. he___t size *n.* a protective covering for the head, worn for safety or as part of a uniform or ceremonial dress
12. re__t password *v.* to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition
13. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
14. a lily b__b *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
15. u__o changes *v.* to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific
16. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
17. nature o__e *n.* a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone
18. a reckless at____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

ANSWERS: 9. anniversary, 10. opportune, 11. helmet, 12. reset, 13. carve, 14. bulb, 15. undo, 16. bunch, 17. ode, 18. attempt

19. the in___t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
20. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
21. an o_e to love *n.* a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone
22. h__t production *v.* to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating
23. a star of the first ma_____de *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
24. autumn fo_____e *n.* the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes
25. fl_____go flock *n.* a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa
26. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 19. intent, 20. universe, 21. ode, 22. halt, 23. magnitude, 24. foliage, 25. flamingo, 26. claim

27. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
28. put the ac____t on comfort *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
29. live in a cl_____r *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
30. la____h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
31. inf_____mal change *adj.* extremely small or tiny; almost negligible in size or quantity
32. b__m of light *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
33. colorful fo_____e *n.* the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes
34. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
35. ar_____ce of power *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
36. ind_____lly designed product *adv.* separately or apart from others

ANSWERS: 27. creature, 28. accent, 29. cluster, 30. launch, 31. infinitesimal, 32. beam, 33. foliage, 34. conquer, 35. arrogance, 36. individually

37. a de____t attitude *adj.* showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms
38. business ho____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
39. the at____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
40. re____n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
41. sp____or seat *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
42. hard to re____n *v.* to think or believe something
43. in____t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
44. d__t road *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
45. the stars of the Scorpion
con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
46. an ob____te word *adj.* no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced

ANSWERS: 37. defiant, 38. horizon, 39. attempt, 40. reckon, 41. spectator, 42. reckon, 43. intent, 44. dirt, 45. constellation, 46. obsolete

47. common in _____ on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
48. crystal o_b *n.* a sphere or ball-shaped object, often referring to celestial bodies such as planets or stars
49. fl_____go habitat *n.* a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa
50. brazen ar_____ce *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
51. gr____y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
52. na_____e an event *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
53. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
54. safety he____t *n.* a protective covering for the head, worn for safety or as part of a uniform or ceremonial dress
55. become ob_____te *adj.* no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced

ANSWERS: 47. invention, 48. orb, 49. flamingo, 50. arrogance, 51. greedy, 52. narrate, 53. pretension, 54. helmet, 55. obsolete

56. na____e a news article *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
57. temporary b__p *n.* a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend
58. ro____e business *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
59. di____er of an oval *n.* the length of a straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference
60. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
61. create sc____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
62. a rid____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
63. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
64. a structural b__m of a building *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

ANSWERS: 56. narrate, 57. blip, 58. routine, 59. diameter, 60. industrious, 61. sculpture, 62. ridiculous, 63. germ, 64. beam

65. m_r a proper relationship *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
66. ig_____ce of the law *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
67. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
68. dumped ov_____rd *adv.* to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational
69. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
70. a particle di_____er *n.* the length of a straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference
71. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
72. sp_____ng machine *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
73. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
74. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
75. a medical ins_____ion *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

ANSWERS: 65. mar, 66. ignorance, 67. planet, 68. overboard, 69. settle, 70. diameter, 71. ignore, 72. spinning, 73. settle, 74. weird, 75. installation

76. artificial cr____re	<i>n.</i> a living being, especially an animal
77. environmental pe__l	<i>n.</i> serious and great danger or risk
78. co____r the world	<i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority
79. a co____te noun	<i>adj.</i> existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
80. abs____ly against	<i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
81. fr____e ecosystem	<i>adj.</i> delicate or easily broken or damaged
82. h__t progress	<i>v.</i> to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating
83. natural el____ce	<i>n.</i> the quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner
84. di___e the cake into two pieces	<i>v.</i> to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
85. the pe__l of the sea	<i>n.</i> serious and great danger or risk
86. a cl____r of stars	<i>n.</i> a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
87. s__p breakfast	<i>v.</i> to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
88. ch__s theory	<i>n.</i> a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

ANSWERS: 76. creature, 77. peril, 78. conquer, 79. concrete, 80. absolutely, 81. fragile, 82. halt, 83. elegance, 84. divide, 85. peril, 86. cluster, 87. skip, 88. chaos

89. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
90. ace_____hen-containing tablet *n.* (also paracetamol) a drug used to relieve mild or chronic pain and high temperature
91. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
92. be____g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
93. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
94. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
95. the ground be____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
96. tune the uk_____e *n.* a small, four-stringed instrument of Hawaiian origin that is similar to a guitar and is played by strumming or plucking the strings
97. minor b__p *n.* a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend
98. ro____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

ANSWERS: 89. obvious, 90. acetaminophen, 91. planet, 92. belong, 93. survey, 94. opportune, 95. beneath, 96. ukulele, 97. blip, 98. roughly

99. su_____te fire
v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
100. ba_____y charging
n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
101. pr_____le in business
n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
102. the so__r system
adj. of, from, or relating to the sun
103. di___e money equally
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
104. awe-in_____ng sight
adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
105. the event ho_____n of a black hole
n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
106. a vul_____le bridge
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
107. as_____ut in training
n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
108. origin of the co___s
n. another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
109. ann_____ry celebration
n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

ANSWERS: 99. suffocate, 100. battery, 101. principle, 102. solar, 103. divide, 104. inspiring, 105. horizon, 106. vulnerable, 107. astronaut, 108. cosmos, 109. anniversary

110. a heat sh___d *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
111. the ma_____de of the disaster *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
112. mo__h into a different shape *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
113. a racing pi___n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
114. vi_____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
115. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
116. sq_____e a confession *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
117. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
118. politically fr_____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
119. he_____ht switch *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
120. s__p across the country *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

ANSWERS: 110. shield, 111. magnitude, 112. morph, 113. pigeon, 114. visible, 115. nurture, 116. squeeze, 117. suppose, 118. fragile, 119. headlight, 120. skip

121. o_b of light *n.* a sphere or ball-shaped object, often referring to celestial bodies such as planets or stars
122. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
123. re___h my food *v.* to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
124. fl__e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
125. n__r atmosphere *adj.* a type of film or literature that emphasizes crime, darkness, and moral ambiguity, often using shadowy, low-light cinematography or atmospheric prose; meaning "black" or "dark" in French
126. ext_____sh a cigarette *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
127. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
128. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
129. ig_____ce is bliss *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
130. as_____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

ANSWERS: 121. orb, 122. invention, 123. relish, 124. flame, 125. noir, 126. extinguish, 127. universe, 128. suppose, 129. ignorance, 130. astronaut

131. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
132. a built-in diagnostic ro____e *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
133. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
134. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
135. su____er at discretion *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
136. su____er an insurance policy *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
137. la____t my misfortunes *v.* to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning
138. the im____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
139. abstract sc____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
140. control re____ly *adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
141. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 131. weird, 132. routine, 133. relation, 134. industrious, 135. surrender, 136. surrender, 137. lament, 138. immediate, 139. sculpture, 140. remotely, 141. survey

142. in_____ng stories *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
143. re_____ly operate *adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
144. midst of ch__s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
145. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
146. pa___h church *n.* a territorial division of a diocese, having its church and member of the clergy, typically for administrative and community purposes
147. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
148. sp___t wings *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
149. abound in in_____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
150. he_____ht adjustment *n.* a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
151. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

ANSWERS: 142. inspiring, 143. remotely, 144. chaos, 145. germ, 146. parish, 147. belong, 148. sprout, 149. ingenuity, 150. headlight, 151. ridiculous

152. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
153. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
154. ins_____ion fee *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
155. the evidence of the pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
156. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
157. aerial y__a *n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
158. u__o a belt *v.* to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific
159. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
160. mo_____to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

ANSWERS: 152. progression, 153. intimidate, 154. installation, 155. presence, 156. ritual, 157. yoga, 158. undo, 159. vast, 160. mosquito

161. heavy ma_____ry *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
162. 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
163. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
164. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
165. second co___c velocity *adj.* relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless
166. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
167. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
168. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
169. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

ANSWERS: 161. machinery, 162. flame, 163. sink, 164. concrete, 165. cosmic, 166. bunch, 167. sink, 168. principle, 169. grind

170. re___h every bite
v. to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
171. baseless pre_____on
n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
172. upcoming crime dr__a
n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
173. high-dose ace_____hen
n. (also paracetamol) a drug used to relieve mild or chronic pain and high temperature
174. gr__d your teeth
v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
175. vul_____le parts of the body
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
176. ca__e my name on the plate
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
177. si___t reading
adj. without any or little sound
178. y__a teacher
n. a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
179. ext_____sh the street lamp
v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
180. re_____on of inclusion
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 170. relish, 171. pretension, 172. drama, 173. acetaminophen, 174. grind, 175. vulnerable, 176. carve, 177. silent, 178. yoga, 179. extinguish, 180. relation

181. lar_____le agriculture *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
182. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
183. his majestic pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
184. modern el_____or *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
185. fell ov_____rd *adv.* to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational
186. civil pa____h *n.* a territorial division of a diocese, having its church and member of the clergy, typically for administrative and community purposes
187. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
188. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
189. secular dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
190. answer questions ind_____lly *adv.* separately or apart from others
191. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 181. large-scale, 182. vast, 183. presence, 184. elevator, 185. overboard, 186. parish, 187. progression, 188. obvious, 189. drama, 190. individually, 191. distance

192. inf_____mal variation *adj.* extremely small or tiny; almost negligible in size or quantity
193. d__t track *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
194. political ma_____ers *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
195. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
196. lar_____le project *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
197. wet-b__b thermometer *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
198. el_____or ride *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
199. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
200. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
201. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

ANSWERS: 192. infinitesimal, 193. dirt, 194. maneuver, 195. absolutely, 196. large-scale, 197. bulb, 198. elevator, 199. beneath, 200. intelligent, 201. intimidate

202. a so__r eclipse *adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun
203. ob_____us of his promise *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
204. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
205. gr_____y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
206. sp_____ng wheel *n.* the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn
207. made a great ma_____er *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
208. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
209. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
210. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
211. vi_____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view

ANSWERS: 202. solar, 203. oblivious, 204. roughly, 205. greedy, 206. spinning, 207. maneuver, 208. claim, 209. ignore, 210. nurture, 211. visible

212. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
213. re__t my brain *v.* to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition
214. co___c background radiation *adj.* relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless
215. northern con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
216. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
217. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
218. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
219. sq_____e a lemon *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
220. pi___n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
221. ob_____us to our response *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
222. the infinite in_____ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

ANSWERS: 212. importance, 213. reset, 214. cosmic, 215. constellation, 216. intelligent, 217. ritual, 218. silent, 219. squeeze, 220. pigeon, 221. oblivious, 222. ingenuity

223. sp___t seeds *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
224. a sh___d for protecting against a bullet *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
225. exploration of co___s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
226. mass sp_____or sport *n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
227. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
228. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
229. uk_____e music *n.* a small, four-stringed instrument of Hawaiian origin that is similar to a guitar and is played by strumming or plucking the strings
230. n__r crime novel *adj.* a type of film or literature that emphasizes crime, darkness, and moral ambiguity, often using shadowy, low-light cinematography or atmospheric prose; meaning "black" or "dark" in French

ANSWERS: 223. sprout, 224. shield, 225. cosmos, 226. spectator, 227. launch, 228. immediate, 229. ukulele, 230. noir

231. su_____te to death *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
232. la____t the situation *v.* to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning
233. inactive ma_____ry *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
234. austere el_____ce *n.* the quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner

ANSWERS: 231. suffocate, 232. lament, 233. machinery, 234. elegance

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The shuttle _____ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.
n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
2. Each department has done its product costing _____.
adv. separately or apart from others
3. The _____ of her dress was breathtaking.
n. the quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner
4. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
5. The enemy was forced to _____ after a long battle.
v. to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
6. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
7. He acted with _____ and was not well-liked by his colleagues.
n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance
8. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
9. The flowers in the garden began to _____ after the first rain of the season.
v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

ANSWERS: 1. astronaut, 2. individually, 3. elegance, 4. industrious, 5. surrender, 6. vulnerable, 7. arrogance, 8. planet, 9. sprout

10. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
11. Draw a circle five centimeters in _____.
n. the length of a straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference
12. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.
adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged
13. The train came to a _____ at the station.
v. to bring or come to a stop; to force to stop moving or operating
14. Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the _____.
n. another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
15. Such patients are better off using _____ wisely.
n. (also paracetamol) a drug used to relieve mild or chronic pain and high temperature
16. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
17. The light _____ has burned out.
n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

ANSWERS: 10. progression, 11. diameter, 12. fragile, 13. halt, 14. cosmos, 15. acetaminophen, 16. suppose, 17. bulb

18. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in _____.

n. serious and great danger or risk

19. The third _____ was far more successful.

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

20. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

21. The engine did not start because the _____ was flat.

n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

22. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

23. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

24. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

25. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

26. I accidentally deleted the file, so can you _____ that action?

v. to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific

ANSWERS: 18. peril, 19. attempt, 20. universe, 21. battery, 22. carved, 23. presence, 24. silent, 25. principle, 26. undo

27. She _____ the computer to fix the problem.

v. to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition

28. The president asked for a more _____ plan.

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

29. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

30. The company is planning to make a _____ expansion of its factory.

adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

31. New technology has rendered my old smartphone _____.

adj. no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced

32. The sun's _____ shone through the window and illuminated the room.

n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

33. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

34. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 27. reset, 28. concrete, 29. intimidate, 30. large-scale, 31. obsolete, 32. beam, 33. sink, 34. ignored

35. Navigators still use the Little Bear _____ at sea.

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

36. The film _____ genre is known for its dark and brooding atmosphere.

adj. a type of film or literature that emphasizes crime, darkness, and moral ambiguity, often using shadowy, low-light cinematography or atmospheric prose; meaning "black" or "dark" in French

37. The poet composed a beautiful _____ to nature and its wonders.

n. a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone

38. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for _____.

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

39. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

40. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

41. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

42. In this class, we learn the basic _____ of the plane.

n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

ANSWERS: 35. constellation, 36. noir, 37. ode, 38. mosquitos, 39. obvious, 40. divide, 41. Intelligent, 42. maneuver

43. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

44. The _____ of audit formally issued a business improvement order.

n. a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work;
social institution functions or structure for doing something

45. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

46. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

47. He _____ the opportunity to try the exotic dishes at the new restaurant.

v. to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation

48. The _____ student refused to follow the teacher's instructions and continued to talk during class.

adj. showing bold resistance or disobedience to authority, rules, or norms

49. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective)
having a strong determination to do or achieve something

50. People can _____ from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.

v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

ANSWERS: 43. immediate, 44. machinery, 45. roughly, 46. greedy, 47. relished, 48. defiant, 49. intent, 50. suffocate

51. The Queen attested the _____ of state ministers to their portfolios.
- n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
52. She enjoyed watching the game as a _____.
- n.* someone present at an event, such as a sports game, play, or concert, to watch or observe it
53. He went _____ with his criticism, and it hurt her feelings.
- adv.* to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational
54. _____ panels have greatly improved not only in performance but also in durability.
- adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun
55. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
- n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
56. Lead is an effective _____ against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.
- n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
57. My home is easily _____ from the shore.
- adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
58. She _____ the loss of her beloved cat.
- v.* to express sadness, grief, or disappointment about something, often by complaining or mourning

ANSWERS: 51. installation, 52. spectator, 53. overboard, 54. Solar, 55. survey, 56. shield, 57. visible, 58. lamented

59. She _____ the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.
- v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
60. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
- n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
61. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
62. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
63. The _____ council met monthly to discuss community issues and plan events.
- n.* a territorial division of a diocese, having its church and member of the clergy, typically for administrative and community purposes
64. 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
65. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
- n.* a living being, especially an animal
66. The _____ bright pink feathers perfectly blended into the tropical sunset.
- n.* a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa

ANSWERS: 59. squeezed, 60. horizon, 61. vast, 62. claim, 63. parish, 64. relations, 65. creature, 66. flamingo's

67. The company can _____ access its employees' computers for troubleshooting purposes.

adv. at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

68. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

69. He played the _____ and sang sweet Hawaiian songs on the beach.

n. a small, four-stringed instrument of Hawaiian origin that is similar to a guitar and is played by strumming or plucking the strings

70. The ancient Greek _____ are known for their realism and attention to detail.

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

71. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

72. We _____ the topic because it was too complicated.

v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

73. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

74. She studies gardening on a _____ basis.

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

ANSWERS: 67. remotely, 68. chaos, 69. ukulele, 70. sculptures, 71. importance, 72. skipped, 73. weird, 74. routine

75. 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
76. My car's _____ must be replaced before I drive again at night.
n. a bright forward-facing light on a vehicle, typically used at night to illuminate the road ahead
77. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority
78. This company _____ into an enterprise company.
v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
79. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
80. An _____ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.
adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
81. She had an audition for _____ school.
n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
82. She took a _____ class at the gym to improve her cardiovascular fitness.
n. the act of rotating rapidly around an axis; in the context of textiles, the process of twisting fibers together to form thread or yarn

ANSWERS: 75. flame, 76. headlight, 77. conquer, 78. morphed, 79. nurture, 80. inspiring, 81. drama, 82. spinning

83. The planet Venus appeared as a bright ____ in the sky during the night.
n. a sphere or ball-shaped object, often referring to celestial bodies such as planets or stars
84. His _____ of the situation led him to make a poor decision.
n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
85. They celebrated their 10th _____ with a romantic dinner.
n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
86. 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
87. She has a thick southern _____.
n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
88. Many people find that regular ____ practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.
n. a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
89. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
90. The stock market had one bad _____ today.
n. a sudden and small, and typically temporary, change or deviation from a general trend

ANSWERS: 83. orb, 84. ignorance, 85. anniversary, 86. ritual, 87. accent, 88. yoga, 89. opportune, 90. blip

91. A _____ of grapes hung from the vine.

- n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

92. He _____ that corruption was rampant in the regime.

- v.* to think or believe something

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

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

94. I don't want to _____ for second best.

- v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

95. Firefighters made every effort to _____ the blaze immediately.

- v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

96. The audiobook hired a professional actor to _____ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

- v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

97. The garden was filled with _____ and needed to be tilled before planting.

- n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

98. The worker survived the impact because they were wearing sturdy _____.

- n.* a protective covering for the head, worn for safety or as part of a uniform or ceremonial dress

ANSWERS: 91. cluster, 92. reckons, 93. belong, 94. settle, 95. extinguish, 96. narrate, 97. dirt, 98. helmets

99. The _____ of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.
n. the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
100. She had to _____ the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.
v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
101. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
102. She was so engrossed in her work that she was _____ to her surroundings.
adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
103. The hotel's _____ was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.
n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
104. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.
adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something
105. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
106. Necessity is the mother of _____.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 99. magnitude, 100. grind, 101. distance, 102. oblivious, 103. elevator, 104. beneath, 105. germ, 106. invention

107. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

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

108. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

109. The vibrant _____ on the vines made the winery look even more beautiful.

n. the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes

110. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

111. The scientist used an _____ amount of the compound in their experiment.

adj. extremely small or tiny; almost negligible in size or quantity

112. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

113. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

114. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

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

ANSWERS: 107. bunch, 108. ingenuity, 109. foliage, 110. absolutely, 111. infinitesimal, 112. pigeon, 113. pretensions, 114. launch

115. _____ rays are high-energy particles that originate from outside the solar system.

adj. relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless

116. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

117. The scratches on the car _____ its otherwise perfect appearance.

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

ANSWERS: 115. Cosmic, 116. ridiculous, 117. marred