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Session 1: Word List

violin

n. a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

synonym: fiddle

(1) **violin** soloist, (2) play the **violin**

The cello is a member of the **violin** family.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym: aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

calculus

n. a branch of mathematics that deals with rates of change and limits; the accumulation of hard mineral deposits that can form in organs or ducts in the body, such as kidney stones or gallstones

synonym: mathematics, math, analysis

(1) **calculus** equations, (2) **calculus** disease

I needed help understanding the advanced **calculus** course material.

sleepover

n. a social gathering in which one or more people stay overnight at another person's home, often as a means of

casually spending time together, particularly among children or teenagers

synonym: slumber party, overnighter, pajama party

(1) **sleepover** party, (2) girls' **sleepover**

My daughter is having a **sleepover** with her friends tonight.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym: combine, mix, intermingle

(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream

The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

chopstick

n. a pair of thin, tapered sticks used in East Asian cultures to pick up and eat food

(1) **chopstick** holder, (2) wooden **chopstick**

She struggled to grab the sushi with **chopsticks**.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym: ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym: harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

exotic

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

synonym: foreign, alien, unfamiliar

(1) **exotic** species, (2) **exotic** vacation

I love trying **exotic** foods from different cultures.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym: legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

mainstream

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

synonym: prevailing, average, common

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

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

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

conform

v. to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group

synonym: comply, follow, adhere

(1) **conform** to standards, (2) **conform** in all its aspects

The school requires students to **conform** to a strict dress code.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something

synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

synonym: rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

racist

adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

synonym: discriminatory, prejudiced, bigoted

(1) far-right **racist**, (2) **racist** attitudes

The **racist** comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

borderline

adj. in a position or state of being almost but not quite something; on the edge or boundary of something

synonym: marginal, questionable, doubtful

(1) **borderline** personality, (2) **borderline** case

The teacher offered to review the papers of students who received **borderline** grades to provide them with feedback.

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.

clueless

adj. lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation

synonym: uninformed, unaware, ignorant

(1) **clueless** in many ways, (2) **clueless** about the situation

She was completely **clueless** as to how to solve the problem.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

annoying

adj. making someone feel slightly angry

synonym : aggravating, bothersome, irksome

(1) **annoying** banner ad, (2) **annoying** habit

The phone call is an **annoying** interruption.

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym : opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

realistic

adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

synonym : practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

(1) a **realistic** goal, (2) a **realistic** goal

That story was so **realistic**, and it was scary.

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.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym: pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

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.

needless

adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

synonym: unnecessary, pointless, superfluous

(1) **needless** argument, (2) **needless** waste

This **needless** paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

banter

n. playful and teasing conversation between friends or acquaintances, characterized by good-natured teasing and humor; (verb) to engage in good-natured teasing or playful conversation with someone in a lighthearted and humorous way

synonym: teasing, raillery, chitchat

(1) **banter** back and forth, (2) playful **banter**

The **banter** between the two colleagues lightened the mood in the office.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

amuse

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

synonym: entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests

He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym: dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

reject

- v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

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.

degrade

- v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

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.

peer

- n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym: certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

mansion

n. a very large and imposing house

synonym: estate, palace, villa

(1) reside in a **mansion**, (2) haunted **mansion**

They turned away the crowd at the gate of the governor's **mansion**.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

binge

n. a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

synonym: spree, overindulgence, splurge

(1) **binge** on social media, (2) alcohol **binge**

She stayed up all night **binge-watching** her favorite TV show.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym: disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold

Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

pit

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

synonym: hole, depression, indentation

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

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

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym: prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

loath

adj. unwilling or reluctant to; feeling strong dislike or aversion towards

synonym: reluctant, unwilling, disinclined

(1) **loath** to negotiate, (2) **loath** to fire my loyal employee
I'm **loath** to go to the dentist because I fear the pain.

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym: enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym: area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

characteristic

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

synonym: feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

strip

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

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

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

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

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

courage

- n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

confrontation

- n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

synonym: face-off, conflict, competition

(1) violent **confrontation**, (2) verbal **confrontation**

The **confrontation** between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.

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?

overcome

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

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

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

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

sensitive

- adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym: exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
synonym: insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer
His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
synonym: contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy
The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited
synonym: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs
The content is **precise** and informative for me.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

purple

adj. of a color intermediate between red and blue
synonym: violet

(1) deep **purple**, (2) **purple** sweet potatoes
The plant has a stunning **purple** blossom.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

hardworking

adj. tending to work with a lot of effort and care

synonym: diligent, dedicated, conscientious

(1) **hardworking** student, (2) retire from **hardworking** life

They sought candidates with **hardworking** and good-natured.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym: miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

despise

v. to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

synonym: hate, loathe, detest

(1) **despise** a particular food, (2) secretly **despise**

I **despise** injustice and those who perpetrate it.

horrendous

adj. causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying

synonym: dreadful, terrible, horrifying

(1) **horrendous** traffic, (2) a **horrendous** crime

The **horrendous** storm caused massive flooding in the town and destroyed many houses.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. an____ng banner ad | <i>adj.</i> making someone feel slightly angry |
| 2. secretly de____e | <i>v.</i> to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something |
| 3. a co_____nt remark | <i>adj.</i> feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future |
| 4. research on anti-ra____m | <i>n.</i> prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized |
| 5. military st____gy | <i>n.</i> a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal. |
| 6. local h__o | <i>n.</i> a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities |
| 7. de____on authority | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options |
| 8. vi____n soloist | <i>n.</i> a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings |

ANSWERS: 1. annoying, 2. despise, 3. confident, 4. racism, 5. strategy, 6. hero, 7. decision, 8. violin

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| 9. n__m of action | <i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard |
| 10. wild goose ch__e | <i>v.</i> to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes |
| 11. as___e to greatness | <i>v.</i> to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great |
| 12. co____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 13. he____ge site | <i>n.</i> the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations |
| 14. have an aw____e birthday | <i>adj.</i> inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc. |
| 15. negative ste____pes | <i>n.</i> a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense |
| 16. an____ng habit | <i>adj.</i> making someone feel slightly angry |
| 17. v__t majority | <i>adj.</i> enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity |
| 18. violent con_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement |

ANSWERS: 9. norm, 10. chase, 11. aspire, 12. confuse, 13. heritage, 14. awesome, 15. stereotype, 16. annoying, 17. vast, 18. confrontation

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| 19. verbal con_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement |
| 20. di___e money equally | <i>v.</i> to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups |
| 21. playful ba___r | <i>n.</i> playful and teasing conversation between friends or acquaintances, characterized by good-natured teasing and humor; (verb) to engage in good-natured teasing or playful conversation with someone in a lighthearted and humorous way |
| 22. a friendly con_____ion | <i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc. |
| 23. inc_____ly cheerful character | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely |
| 24. a hor_____us crime | <i>adj.</i> causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying |
| 25. bor_____ne personality | <i>adj.</i> in a position or state of being almost but not quite something; on the edge or boundary of something |
| 26. a drug ad___t | <i>n.</i> a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful |
| 27. Chinese cl_____c literature | <i>adj.</i> judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type |

ANSWERS: 19. confrontation, 20. divide, 21. banter, 22. conversation, 23. incredibly, 24. horrendous, 25. borderline, 26. addict, 27. classic

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| 28. girls' sl_____er | <i>n.</i> a social gathering in which one or more people stay overnight at another person's home, often as a means of casually spending time together, particularly among children or teenagers |
| 29. baby with se_____ve skin | <i>adj.</i> able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do |
| 30. pl____t like the Earth | <i>n.</i> any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star |
| 31. har_____ng student | <i>adj.</i> tending to work with a lot of effort and care |
| 32. lingual di_____ty | <i>n.</i> the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people |
| 33. pe_____al struggle | <i>adj.</i> continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted |
| 34. haunted ma_____n | <i>n.</i> a very large and imposing house |
| 35. se_____ve documents | <i>adj.</i> able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do |
| 36. lo__h to negotiate | <i>adj.</i> unwilling or reluctant to; feeling strong dislike or aversion towards |

ANSWERS: 28. sleepover, 29. sensitive, 30. planet, 31. hardworking, 32. diversity, 33. perpetual, 34. mansion, 35. sensitive, 36. loath

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| 37. aw_____e mental faculty | <i>adj.</i> inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc. |
| 38. inc_____le amount | <i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous |
| 39. re___t the proposal | <i>v.</i> to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone |
| 40. ca_____us equations | <i>n.</i> a branch of mathematics that deals with rates of change and limits; the accumulation of hard mineral deposits that can form in organs or ducts in the body, such as kidney stones or gallstones |
| 41. retire from har_____ng life | <i>adj.</i> tending to work with a lot of effort and care |
| 42. a private ind_____al | <i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group |
| 43. a cl_____c experiment | <i>adj.</i> judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type |
| 44. the di_____ty policy of the university | <i>n.</i> the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people |
| 45. mat_____cs competition | <i>n.</i> the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement |
| 46. get inc_____ly insecure | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely |
| 47. re_____le these differences | <i>v.</i> to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist |

ANSWERS: 37. awesome, 38. incredible, 39. reject, 40. calculus, 41. hardworking, 42. individual, 43. classic, 44. diversity, 45. mathematics, 46. incredibly, 47. reconcile

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| 48. save the pl___t | <i>n.</i> any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star |
| 49. st__k a key in a lock | <i>v.</i> to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material |
| 50. the int_____on between man and his environment | <i>n.</i> the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them |
| 51. su_____nd a town | <i>v.</i> to be all around something or somebody |
| 52. unsung h__o | <i>n.</i> a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities |
| 53. play the vi___n | <i>n.</i> a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings |
| 54. co_____us of having succeeded | <i>adj.</i> being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you |
| 55. v__t desert | <i>adj.</i> enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity |
| 56. driving di_____ce | <i>n.</i> 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: 48. planet, 49. stick, 50. interaction, 51. surround, 52. hero, 53. violin, 54. conscious, 55. vast, 56. distance

57. en____us amount	<i>adj.</i> extremely large or great
58. ov____me all difficulties	<i>v.</i> to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
59. en____us potential	<i>adj.</i> extremely large or great
60. of____d a customer	<i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
61. estimate pr____e costs	<i>adj.</i> sharply exact or accurate or delimited
62. cultural n__m	<i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
63. clear in____on	<i>n.</i> something you want to do and are going to do
64. time z__e	<i>n.</i> a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
65. pr____e analyses	<i>adj.</i> sharply exact or accurate or delimited
66. pu____e sweet potatoes	<i>adj.</i> of a color intermediate between red and blue
67. reside in a ma____n	<i>n.</i> a very large and imposing house
68. am__e guests	<i>v.</i> to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
69. ra____l and ethnic backgrounds	<i>adj.</i> of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
70. hor____us traffic	<i>adj.</i> causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying

ANSWERS: 57. enormous, 58. overcome, 59. enormous, 60. offend, 61. precise, 62. norm, 63. intention, 64. zone, 65. precise, 66. purple, 67. mansion, 68. amuse, 69. racial, 70. horrendous

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| 71. a good grounding in mat_____cs | <i>n.</i> the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement |
| 72. de_____e a particular food | <i>v.</i> to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something |
| 73. ne_____ss waste | <i>adj.</i> describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences |
| 74. inspire co_____e | <i>n.</i> the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous |
| 75. co_____ry evidence | <i>n.</i> acting in opposition to what is expected or desired |
| 76. re____t all imperfect merchandise | <i>v.</i> to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone |
| 77. ex____c vacation | <i>adj.</i> originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing |
| 78. 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 |
| 79. fire st__k | <i>v.</i> to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material |

ANSWERS: 71. mathematics, 72. despise, 73. needless, 74. courage, 75. contrary, 76. reject, 77. exotic, 78. skip, 79. stick

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| 80. a selfish de_____on | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options |
| 81. bor_____ne case | <i>adj.</i> in a position or state of being almost but not quite something; on the edge or boundary of something |
| 82. mai_____am political beliefs | <i>n.</i> the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people |
| 83. in_____on behind his decision | <i>n.</i> something you want to do and are going to do |
| 84. ca_____us disease | <i>n.</i> a branch of mathematics that deals with rates of change and limits; the accumulation of hard mineral deposits that can form in organs or ducts in the body, such as kidney stones or gallstones |
| 85. de___e on a course of action | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 86. avoid ste_____pe | <i>n.</i> a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense |
| 87. the clear co_____ry | <i>n.</i> acting in opposition to what is expected or desired |
| 88. the p_t of the stomach | <i>n.</i> a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit |

ANSWERS: 80. decision, 81. borderline, 82. mainstream, 83. intention, 84. calculus, 85. decide, 86. stereotype, 87. contrary, 88. pit

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| 89. official sta_____cs | <i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data |
| 90. the per_____ge of the gold content | <i>n.</i> the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred |
| 91. m__t the ice | <i>v.</i> to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating |
| 92. coast st__p | <i>v.</i> to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc. |
| 93. bl__d all the elements | <i>v.</i> to mix or combine two or more substances |
| 94. ra___t attitudes | <i>adj.</i> characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others |
| 95. sl_____er party | <i>n.</i> a social gathering in which one or more people stay overnight at another person's home, often as a means of casually spending time together, particularly among children or teenagers |
| 96. feel co_____nt | <i>adj.</i> feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future |
| 97. ch__e a dream | <i>v.</i> to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes |

ANSWERS: 89. statistics, 90. percentage, 91. melt, 92. strip, 93. blend, 94. racist, 95.

sleepover, 96. confident, 97. chase

98. ind_____al freedom	<i>n.</i>	a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
99. id_____ty as an individual	<i>n.</i>	the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
100. alcohol bi__e	<i>n.</i>	a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
101. id_____fy handwriting	<i>v.</i>	to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
102. con_____ial policy	<i>adj.</i>	causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
103. bi__e on social media	<i>n.</i>	a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
104. de___e a question	<i>v.</i>	to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
105. ba___r back and forth	<i>n.</i>	playful and teasing conversation between friends or acquaintances, characterized by good-natured teasing and humor; (verb) to engage in good-natured teasing or playful conversation with someone in a lighthearted and humorous way
106. em_____ze a direct relationship	<i>v.</i>	to give or show particular importance to something

ANSWERS: 98. individual, 99. identity, 100. binge, 101. identify, 102. controversial, 103. binge, 104. decide, 105. banter, 106. emphasize

107. id____fy gene sequences	<i>v.</i> to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
108. na____e to Africa	<i>adj.</i> connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
109. as____e after perfection	<i>v.</i> to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
110. de____e environmental quality	<i>v.</i> to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
111. m__t down gold	<i>v.</i> to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
112. co____e the listener	<i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
113. cl____ss in many ways	<i>adj.</i> lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation
114. develop a st____gy	<i>n.</i> a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
115. a st____ht line	<i>adj.</i> extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
116. social di____ce	<i>n.</i> 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: 107. identify, 108. native, 109. aspire, 110. degrade, 111. melt, 112. confuse, 113. clueless, 114. strategy, 115. straight, 116. distance

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| 117. ne____ss argument | <i>adj.</i> describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences |
| 118. s__p across the country | <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 |
| 119. of____d his sensibilities | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed |
| 120. na____e language | <i>adj.</i> connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place |
| 121. wooden ch_____ck | <i>n.</i> a pair of thin, tapered sticks used in East Asian cultures to pick up and eat food |
| 122. int_____on among human beings | <i>n.</i> the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them |
| 123. co_____us effort | <i>adj.</i> being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you |
| 124. di____e the cake into two pieces | <i>v.</i> to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups |
| 125. at inc_____le speed | <i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous |
| 126. ex____c species | <i>adj.</i> originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing |

ANSWERS: 117. needless, 118. skip, 119. offend, 120. native, 121. chopstick, 122. interaction, 123. conscious, 124. divide, 125. incredible, 126. exotic

127. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something;
(noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
128. deep pu___e *adj.* of a color intermediate between red and blue
129. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
130. 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
131. systemic ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
132. a re_____ic goal *adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
133. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
134. join the mai_____am *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
135. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

ANSWERS: 127. strip, 128. purple, 129. straight, 130. pretension, 131. racism, 132. realistic, 133. identity, 134. mainstream, 135. peer

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| 136. baseless pre_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition |
| 137. no do__t about the news | <i>n.</i> a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is |
| 138. pe_____al motion machine | <i>adj.</i> continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted |
| 139. co_____m in all its aspects | <i>v.</i> to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group |
| 140. the bottomless p_t | <i>n.</i> a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit |
| 141. ov_____me opponents | <i>v.</i> to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone |
| 142. a high per_____ge | <i>n.</i> the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred |
| 143. con_____ial book | <i>adj.</i> causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute |
| 144. co_____m to standards | <i>v.</i> to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group |

ANSWERS: 136. pretension, 137. doubt, 138. perpetual, 139. conform, 140. pit, 141. overcome, 142. percentage, 143. controversial, 144. conform

145. far-right ra___t	<i>adj.</i> characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
146. ch_____ck holder	<i>n.</i> a pair of thin, tapered sticks used in East Asian cultures to pick up and eat food
147. p__r review	<i>n.</i> a person who has the same age, status, or ability
148. re_____le a dispute	<i>v.</i> to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
149. lo__h to fire my loyal employee	<i>adj.</i> unwilling or reluctant to; feeling strong dislike or aversion towards
150. ra___l prejudice	<i>adj.</i> of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
151. Internet ad___t	<i>n.</i> a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
152. z__e defense	<i>n.</i> a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
153. stripes cha_____tic of the zebra	<i>n.</i> a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
154. de_____e his public image	<i>v.</i> to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

ANSWERS: 145. racist, 146. chopstick, 147. peer, 148. reconcile, 149. loath, 150. racial, 151. addict, 152. zone, 153. characteristic, 154. degrade

155. bl__d milk and cream	<i>v.</i> to mix or combine two or more substances
156. cl____ss about the situation	<i>adj.</i> lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation
157. a stone wall su____nds the palace	<i>v.</i> to be all around something or somebody
158. my friend's cha____tic laugh	<i>n.</i> a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
159. am__e a baby with a rattle	<i>v.</i> to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
160. mental co____e	<i>n.</i> the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
161. dispel do__ts	<i>n.</i> a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
162. em____ze her words	<i>v.</i> to give or show particular importance to something
163. historical he____ge	<i>n.</i> the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
164. con____ion in English	<i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
165. sta____cs for cancer	<i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 155. blend, 156. clueless, 157. surround, 158. characteristic, 159. amuse, 160. courage, 161. doubt, 162. emphasize, 163. heritage, 164. conversation, 165. statistics

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.
v. to give or show particular importance to something
2. I'm _____ to go to the dentist because I fear the pain.
adj. unwilling or reluctant to; feeling strong dislike or aversion towards
3. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
v. to be all around something or somebody
4. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.
adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
5. The content is _____ and informative for me.
adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited
6. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.
v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
7. The plant has a stunning _____ blossom.
adj. of a color intermediate between red and blue
8. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
9. Sometimes it is challenging to _____ science and religion.
v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

ANSWERS: 1. emphasize, 2. loath, 3. surround, 4. classic, 5. precise, 6. aspired, 7. purple, 8. vast, 9. reconcile

10. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

11. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

12. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

13. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

14. The _____ between the two colleagues lightened the mood in the office.

n. playful and teasing conversation between friends or acquaintances, characterized by good-natured teasing and humor; (verb) to engage in good-natured teasing or playful conversation with someone in a lighthearted and humorous way

15. I needed help understanding the advanced _____ course material.

n. a branch of mathematics that deals with rates of change and limits; the accumulation of hard mineral deposits that can form in organs or ducts in the body, such as kidney stones or gallstones

16. I love trying _____ foods from different cultures.

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

17. They turned away the crowd at the gate of the governor's _____.

n. a very large and imposing house

ANSWERS: 10. straight, 11. peer, 12. controversial, 13. norms, 14. banter, 15. calculus, 16. exotic, 17. mansion

18. Her remarks _____ the debate.

- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

19. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

20. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?

- n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

21. The _____ comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

- adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

22. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

- v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

23. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.

- n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

24. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

- n.* something you want to do and are going to do

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

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

ANSWERS: 18. confused, 19. identity, 20. percentage, 21. racist, 22. rejected, 23. heritage, 24. intentions, 25. mainstream

26. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

27. The teacher offered to review the papers of students who received _____ grades to provide them with feedback.

- adj.* in a position or state of being almost but not quite something; on the edge or boundary of something

28. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

29. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

- adj.* unbelievable; enormous

30. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.

- v.* to mix or combine two or more substances

31. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

- v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

32. The ____ of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

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

33. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.

- n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

ANSWERS: 26. conversation, 27. borderline, 28. strategy, 29. incredible, 30. blend, 31. chased, 32. pit, 33. contrary

34. She was completely _____ as to how to solve the problem.

adj. lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation

35. The school requires students to _____ to a strict dress code.

v. to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group

36. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

37. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

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

38. I'm not _____ in our victory.

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

39. I _____ injustice and those who perpetrate it.

v. to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

40. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

41. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

ANSWERS: 34. clueless, 35. conform, 36. stereotypes, 37. divide, 38. confident, 39. despise, 40. offended, 41. awesome

42. She struggled to grab the sushi with _____.

n. a pair of thin, tapered sticks used in East Asian cultures to pick up and eat food

43. The _____ storm caused massive flooding in the town and destroyed many houses.

adj. causing horror, shock, or a feeling of extreme disgust; extremely unpleasant or terrifying

44. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

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

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

46. The company employs a _____ inventory system.

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

47. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

48. The phone call is an _____ interruption.

adj. making someone feel slightly angry

49. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 42. chopsticks, 43. horrendous, 44. courage, 45. strip, 46. perpetual, 47. stick, 48. annoying, 49. decision

50. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.
- n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
51. The cello is a member of the _____ family.
- n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
52. 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
53. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
54. He has a flair for _____.
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
55. My daughter is having a _____ with her friends tonight.
- n.* a social gathering in which one or more people stay overnight at another person's home, often as a means of casually spending time together, particularly among children or teenagers
56. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
- n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

ANSWERS: 50. racism, 51. violin, 52. skipped, 53. decide, 54. mathematics, 55. sleepover, 56. hero

57. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

58. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

59. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

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

60. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

61. That story was so _____ and it was scary.

adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

62. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

63. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

64. Bananas have their _____ taste and odor.

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

ANSWERS: 57. individual, 58. interaction, 59. overcome, 60. racial, 61. realistic, 62. zone, 63. melted, 64. characteristic

65. This _____ paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

66. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

67. 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

68. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

69. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

70. He became _____ that he was being followed.

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

71. She stayed up all night _____ her favorite TV show.

n. a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

72. 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

ANSWERS: 65. needless, 66. enormous, 67. distance, 68. addicts, 69. native, 70. conscious, 71. binge-watching, 72. planet

73. He _____ himself by playing video games during his free time.

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

74. They sought candidates with _____ and good-natured.

adj. tending to work with a lot of effort and care

75. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

76. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

77. The _____ between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.

n. the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

78. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

79. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

80. 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

ANSWERS: 73. amused, 74. hardworking, 75. statistics, 76. incredibly, 77. confrontation, 78. degrade, 79. sensitive, 80. pretensions

81. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.

- n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

82. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

- n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

83. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

ANSWERS: 81. diversity, 82. Doubt, 83. identify