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Session 1: Word List

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

optimism

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

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

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

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

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.

amok

adv. in a restless or uncontrolled manner, typically associated with a violent outburst or rampage

synonym: berserk, wild, out of control

(1) scream **amok**, (2) go **amok**

The angry customer began running **amok** in the store, knocking over displays and screaming at employees.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

impending

adj. about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

synonym: imminent, upcoming, approaching

(1) **impending** doom, (2) **impending** crisis

We must prepare for the **impending** storm expected to hit our area.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

synonym: disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

synonym: anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the

subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

lofty

adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

synonym : high, elevated, grand

(1) a **lofty** peak, (2) **lofty** ambitions

His **lofty** goals were admirable but unrealistic.

societal

adj. relating to society or social relationships

synonym : social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

impersonate

v. to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire

synonym : imitate, mimic, copy

(1) **impersonate** a government official, (2) **impersonate** a character

The comedian is famous for his ability to **impersonate** famous politicians.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

sentient

adj. having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness

synonym : conscious, aware, perceptive

(1) **sentient** beings, (2) **sentient** robots

Animals such as dolphins and elephants are highly **sentient** and intelligent creatures.

gibberish

n. unintelligible or nonsensical language or speech; meaningless or difficult to comprehend talk or writing

synonym: nonsense, babble, drivel

(1) **gibberish** language, (2) meaningless **gibberish**

He spoke in **gibberish**, and no one could understand what he was trying to say.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

larva

n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

synonym: caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

ingest

v. to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

synonym: swallow, consume, devour

(1) **ingest** food, (2) **ingest** medication

People who compulsively **ingest** non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.

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.

pronouncement

n. a formal or authoritative statement or announcement, especially one issued by a governing body or public official

synonym : declaration, edict, proclamation

(1) **pronouncement** of a judgment, (2) official **pronouncement**

The **pronouncement** by the king declared that war was imminent and all non-disabled men were to report for duty.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym : cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

presume

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

synonym : assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

recess

n. a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

synonym : break, interval, pause

(1) a court **recess**, (2) during noon **recess**

The company decided to take a **recess** and reconvene the meeting later that day.

maze

n. a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through

synonym : labyrinth, puzzle, network

(1) puzzle **maze**, (2) labyrinth **maze**

We got lost in the **maze** of streets while exploring the city.

phenomenally

adv. extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising

synonym : exceptionally, amazingly, remarkably

(1) **phenomenally** quick, (2) **phenomenally** gifted

He became **phenomenally** successful in the entertainment industry.

falsehood

n. a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading

synonym : lie, untruth, deception

(1) spread **falsehoods**, (2) palpable **falsehood**

The media exposed the politician's **falsehoods**.

misaligned

adj. not properly aligned or arranged; not placed in the correct position or orientation

synonym : crooked, askew, abused

(1) **misaligned** teeth, (2) **misaligned** priorities

The painting was crooked and **misaligned**, so the museum staff had to rehang it properly.

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym : minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

cognition

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

synonym : awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

anthropomorphic

adj. describing or relating to the attribution of human characteristics to non-human entities

synonym : human-like

(1) **anthropomorphic** agent, (2) **anthropomorphic** design

The **anthropomorphic** robot was designed to have a human-like appearance.

unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

synonym : inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information

By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym : preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

snippet

n. a small piece or brief extract of something

synonym : fragment, excerpt, brief

(1) **snippet** of wisdom, (2) code **snippet**

The journalist saved a **snippet** of the interview for later reference.

horsepower

n. a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that

one horse can do in a set amount of time

synonym: HP, power, energy

(1) maximum **horsepower**, (2) engine **horsepower**

The company's new generator has a **horsepower** rating of 1000, making it ideal for large buildings.

regurgitate

v. to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original

synonym: repeat, echo, restate

(1) **regurgitate** food, (2) **regurgitate** information

The biology student had to **regurgitate** all the material she had learned for the final exam.

explode

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

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

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

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

jingle

v. to create or make a ringing sound, particularly one that is musical or catchy

synonym: tinkle, chime, ring

(1) **jingle** a little bell, (2) **jingle** money in my pocket

The keys on her keychain **jingled** loudly as she fumbled to unlock the door.

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.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym : alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

staccato

adj. a style of musical performance or composition that involves playing each note separately and distinctly, with a sharp or abrupt tone; speech or writing that is abrupt or disjointed

synonym : abrupt, sharp, detached

(1) **staccato** rhythm, (2) **staccato** speech

The pianist played the piece with **staccato** notes, creating a lively and upbeat sound.

doable

adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

synonym : realizable, accomplishable, achievable

(1) make a **doable** plan, (2) **doable** in daily life

This project is **doable** despite the tight schedule.

firepower

n. the ability or capacity of a military unit or weapon to deliver a high volume of fire; the destructive capacity of military weapons or equipment

synonym : firearm, munitions, artillery

(1) the **firepower** of the military, (2) lethal **firepower**

The army relied on its superior **firepower** to win the battle.

symbiotic

adj. involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist

(1) **symbiotic** economy, (2) **symbiotic** bacteria

We have a mutually **symbiotic** connection with them.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym : guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

dictate

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

synonym : read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym : great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

musky

adj. having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss

synonym : musty, earthy, pungent

(1) **musky** aroma, (2) **musky** perfume

The **musky** scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.

neurology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system

synonym : brain science, nervous system, neuropathology

(1) cognitive **neurology**, (2) **neurology** department

She is studying clinical **neurology** to become a brain surgeon.

unstoppable

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

synonym : unshakable, unyielding, relentless

(1) **unstoppable** force, (2) **unstoppable** momentum

The team's winning streak was **unstoppable**.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym: amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

ostler

n. an employee at a stable who takes care of horses, including feeding, grooming, and exercising them

synonym: hostler, groom, stablehand

(1) **ostler** duties, (2) retired **ostler**

The **ostler** at the inn was widely respected for his knowledge and experience with horses

subspace

n. (in science fiction) a fictional space within which faster-than-light travel is possible; a mathematical concept in linear algebra, where a subspace is a subset of a vector space that is closed under addition and scalar multiplication; a mental state that can be reached during certain BDSM activities

(1) **subspace** matrix, (2) **subspace** topology

The crew of the protagonist's starship communicated with each other through **subspace** frequencies.

quadrant

n. a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes

synonym: section, division, sector

(1) Northeast **quadrant**, (2) **quadrant** chart

The map was divided into four **quadrants** to examine the

geographical region closely.

worrisome

adj. causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm

synonym : concerning, troubling, bothersome

(1) **worrisome** issue, (2) **worrisome** development

The **worrisome** news about the impending storm caused many people to evacuate.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

misgive

v. to feel doubt, uncertainty, or suspicion about something; to have reservations

synonym : hesitate, doubt, mistrust

(1) **misgive** about accepting this job offer, (2) **misgive** a feeling

Her rushed explanation **misgives** me that she is hiding something.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym : accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

wreak

v. to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events

synonym : cause, inflict, bring about

(1) **wreak** a lot of changes, (2) **wreak** further damage

The virus has **wreaked** havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.

havoc

n. widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

synonym : destruction, devastation, ruin

(1) cause **havoc**, (2) play **havoc** in the mind

The storm wreaked **havoc** on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

undesirable

adj. not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance

synonym : objectionable, distasteful, unwanted

(1) **undesirable** outcome, (2) **undesirable** behavior

The smell of the garbage was very **undesirable**.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym : misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

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

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

tweak

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

synonym : nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

guardrail

n. a sturdy metal or wooden railing or barrier placed beside a road, bridge, or other dangerous areas to prevent vehicles or people from going over the edge; a protective barrier or railing used to prevent falls or accidents

synonym : barrier, railing, fence

(1) **guardrail** installation, (2) damaged **guardrail**

The **guardrail** along the highway prevents vehicles from going off the road's edge.

altruistic

adj. showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people

synonym : altruistic, philanthropic, generous

(1) **altruistic** behavior, (2) **altruistic** instincts in social animals

The company tried to build an **altruistic** image.

cheerful

adj. happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism

synonym : happy, joyful, lively

(1) **cheerful** smile, (2) a **cheerful** disposition

Her **cheerful** personality brightened up the room.

phenomenal

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

synonym : extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

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.

veto

n. the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president

synonym : rejection, disapproval, interdict

(1) **veto** power, (2) legislative **veto**

The president's **veto** prevented the bill from becoming law.

paramount

adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position

synonym : central, major, crucial

(1) the lord **paramount**, (2) **paramount** to all the others

This country became a country of **paramount** geostrategic importance to us.

complication

n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

synonym: confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without

complication

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

dopamine

n. a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension

(1) **dopamine-inhibiting** agent, (2) antagonism of

dopamine

The drug controls the level of **dopamine** in the brain.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

seep

v. to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

synonym: leak, ooze, trickle

(1) **seep** cool and moist air, (2) **seep** into paper

The rain began to **seep** through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.

neocortex

n. the part of the cerebral cortex that is responsible for higher brain functions such as conscious thought and decision-making

synonym : prefrontal lobe, cerebral cortex, forebrain

(1) stored in **neocortex**, (2) **neocortex** function

The cerebral **neocortex** is responsible for higher brain functions such as decision-making and problem-solving.

pincers

n. a tool or instrument with two limbs or jaws that are jointed together and used for gripping and holding objects; the claws or appendages of certain creatures that are used for grasping, gripping, or crushing

synonym : pliers, tweezers, forceps

(1) scorpion **pincers**, (2) grip with **pincers**

The handyman used his trusty **pincers** to remove the rusty nails from the old boards.

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym : give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

empower

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

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

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

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

disbeliever

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym : non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**

Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

exaggeration

n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

synonym : hyperbole, overstatement, embellishment

(1) sensational **exaggeration**, (2) minimal **exaggeration**

His story was filled with obvious **exaggerations**.

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

idol

n. an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered

synonym : icon, hero, legend

(1) **idol** worship, (2) **idol** singer

He was an **idol** to his fans, who looked up to him as a role model.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym : self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody **entrepreneurship**

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

neuron

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

synonym : nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

boggle

v. to be overwhelmed or surprised by something; to hesitate or be uncertain about something; to cause someone to feel overwhelmed or surprised

synonym : hesitate, stagger, bewilder

(1) **boggle** the imagination, (2) **boggle** at the price

The complexity of the situation can **boggle** the mind.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

evangelist

n. a person who seeks to convert others to their religious beliefs, especially through public preaching

synonym : preacher, missionary, revivalist

(1) television **evangelist**, (2) technology **evangelist**

The religious **evangelist** traveled the world, spreading the gospel and winning converts.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym : expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

unequivocal

adj. admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

synonym : apparent, absolute, undeniable

(1) **unequivocal** evidence, (2) receive an **unequivocal**

answer

It is **unequivocal** that human activities are the cause of global warming.

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.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

dotcom

n. a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry

synonym: website, online business, e-commerce

(1) successful **dotcom**, (2) **dotcom** millionaire

The **dotcom** boom of the late 1990s changed the landscape of the tech industry forever.

Session 2: Spelling

1. su____ce topology
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v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
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adv. in a restless or uncontrolled manner, typically associated with a violent outburst or rampage
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v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
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n. widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
7. la__a of a butterfly
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9. sound very te_____ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
10. damaged gu_____il *n.* a sturdy metal or wooden railing or barrier placed beside a road, bridge, or other dangerous areas to prevent vehicles or people from going over the edge; a protective barrier or railing used to prevent falls or accidents
11. se_____nt robots *adj.* having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness
12. uni_____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
13. os___r duties *n.* an employee at a stable who takes care of horses, including feeding, grooming, and exercising them
14. wo_____me development *adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm
15. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 8. dotcom, 9. tempting, 10. guardrail, 11. sentient, 12. unintended, 13. ostler, 14. worrisome, 15. dedicate

16. palpable fa_____od *n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading
17. cat_____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
18. pro_____ent of a judgment *n.* a formal or authoritative statement or announcement, especially one issued by a governing body or public official
19. imp_____te a government official *v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire
20. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
21. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
22. st_____to speech *adj.* a style of musical performance or composition that involves playing each note separately and distinctly, with a sharp or abrupt tone; speech or writing that is abrupt or disjointed
23. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 16. falsehood, 17. catastrophe, 18. pronouncement, 19. impersonate, 20. quote, 21. nerd, 22. staccato, 23. empower

24. imp_____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
25. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
26. puzzle m___e *n.* a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through
27. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
28. im_____ng doom *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
29. i___l singer *n.* an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered
30. im_____ng crisis *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
31. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
32. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
33. uns_____le force *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent

ANSWERS: 24. imperfectly, 25. optimism, 26. maze, 27. instinct, 28. impending, 29. idol, 30. impending, 31. dedicate, 32. optimism, 33. unstoppable

34. sy_____ic bacteria *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
35. receive an une_____al answer *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
36. su_____ce matrix *n.* (in science fiction) a fictional space within which faster-than-light travel is possible; a mathematical concept in linear algebra, where a subspace is a subset of a vector space that is closed under addition and scalar multiplication; a mental state that can be reached during certain BDSM activities
37. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
38. mi_____e about accepting this job offer *v.* to feel doubt, uncertainty, or suspicion about something; to have reservations
39. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
40. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
41. mu__y aroma *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
42. imp_____te a character *v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire

ANSWERS: 34. symbiotic, 35. unequivocal, 36. subspace, 37. cofounder, 38. misgive, 39. app, 40. instinct, 41. musky, 42. impersonate

43. the lord pa_____nt *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
44. i__l worship *n.* an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered
45. retired os____r *n.* an employee at a stable who takes care of horses, including feeding, grooming, and exercising them
46. alt_____ic behavior *adj.* showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
47. do_____ne-inhibiting agent *n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
48. lethal fi_____er *n.* the ability or capacity of a military unit or weapon to deliver a high volume of fire; the destructive capacity of military weapons or equipment
49. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
50. a moth la__a *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
51. ch_____ul smile *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism

ANSWERS: 43. paramount, 44. idol, 45. ostler, 46. altruistic, 47. dopamine, 48. firepower, 49. industrious, 50. larva, 51. cheerful

52. a ch____ul disposition *adj.* happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
53. une_____al evidence *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
54. a lo__y peak *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
55. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
56. ant_____hic design *adj.* describing or relating to the attribution of human characteristics to non-human entities
57. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
58. avoid climate cat_____he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
59. go a__k *adv.* in a restless or uncontrolled manner, typically associated with a violent outburst or rampage
60. cause ha__c *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
61. re___n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
62. persuade a dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

ANSWERS: 52. cheerful, 53. unequivocal, 54. lofty, 55. doe, 56. anthropomorphic, 57. distracted, 58. catastrophe, 59. amok, 60. havoc, 61. reckon, 62. disbeliever

63. phe_____al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
64. mis_____ed priorities *adj.* not properly aligned or arranged; not placed in the correct position or orientation
65. reg_____te food *v.* to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original
66. s__p cool and moist air *v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
67. br_____n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
68. ne_____ex function *n.* the part of the cerebral cortex that is responsible for higher brain functions such as conscious thought and decision-making
69. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
70. qu_____nt chart *n.* a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes
71. in___t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

ANSWERS: 63. phenomenal, 64. misaligned, 65. regurgitate, 66. seep, 67. broaden, 68. neocortex, 69. improvisation, 70. quadrant, 71. inject

72. engine hor_____er *n.* a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that one horse can do in a set amount of time
73. do___m millionaire *n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
74. in___t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
75. phe_____al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
76. alt_____ic instincts in social animals *adj.* showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
77. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
78. sensational exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
79. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
80. labyrinth m___e *n.* a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through

ANSWERS: 72. horsepower, 73. dotcom, 74. inject, 75. phenomenal, 76. altruistic, 77. excite, 78. exaggeration, 79. nerd, 80. maze

81. 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
82. a court re____s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
83. in____t food *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
84. bo____e at the price *v.* to be overwhelmed or surprised by something; to hesitate or be uncertain about something; to cause someone to feel overwhelmed or surprised
85. phe_____lly quick *adv.* extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising
86. e__t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
87. pr_____e innocence *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
88. mu__y perfume *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
89. te_____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

ANSWERS: 81. pretension, 82. recess, 83. ingest, 84. boggle, 85. phenomenally, 86. emit, 87. presume, 88. musky, 89. tempting

90. phe_____lly gifted *adv.* extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising
91. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
92. wr__k a lot of changes *v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
93. stored in ne_____ex *n.* the part of the cerebral cortex that is responsible for higher brain functions such as conscious thought and decision-making
94. television eva_____st *n.* a person who seeks to convert others to their religious beliefs, especially through public preaching
95. stubborn dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
96. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
97. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
98. ant_____hic agent *adj.* describing or relating to the attribution of human characteristics to non-human entities
99. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 90. phenomenally, 91. superpower, 92. wreak, 93. neocortex, 94. evangelist, 95. disbeliever, 96. excite, 97. confuse, 98. anthropomorphic, 99. doe

100. minimal exa_____ion *n.* an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is
101. so_____al norms *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
102. technology eva_____st *n.* a person who seeks to convert others to their religious beliefs, especially through public preaching
103. prove unr_____le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
104. ne_____gy department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
105. ne____n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
106. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
107. di_____e to the associate *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
108. e__t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
109. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
110. s__p into paper *v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

ANSWERS: 100. exaggeration, 101. societal, 102. evangelist, 103. unreliable, 104. neurology, 105. neuron, 106. empower, 107. dictate, 108. emit, 109. app, 110. seep

111. official pro_____ent *n.* a formal or authoritative statement or announcement, especially one issued by a governing body or public official
112. ho_____y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
113. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
114. sn_____t of wisdom *n.* a small piece or brief extract of something
115. spread fa_____ods *n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading
116. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
117. unr_____le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
118. the fi_____er of the military *n.* the ability or capacity of a military unit or weapon to deliver a high volume of fire; the destructive capacity of military weapons or equipment
119. excite the ne_____ns *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
120. legislative v____o *n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president

ANSWERS: 111. pronouncement, 112. horrify, 113. explode, 114. snippet, 115. falsehood, 116. entrepreneurship, 117. unreliable, 118. firepower, 119. neuron, 120. veto

121. dis_____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
122. st_____ to rhythm *adj.* a style of musical performance or composition that involves playing each note separately and distinctly, with a sharp or abrupt tone; speech or writing that is abrupt or disjointed
123. bo____e the imagination *v.* to be overwhelmed or surprised by something; to hesitate or be uncertain about something; to cause someone to feel overwhelmed or surprised
124. gu_____il installation *n.* a sturdy metal or wooden railing or barrier placed beside a road, bridge, or other dangerous areas to prevent vehicles or people from going over the edge; a protective barrier or railing used to prevent falls or accidents
125. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
126. perpetual cu____e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
127. social co_____on *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

ANSWERS: 121. distracted, 122. staccato, 123. boggle, 124. guardrail, 125. entrepreneurship, 126. curate, 127. cognition

128. br_____n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
129. com_____ion of structure *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
130. scorpion pi_____s *n.* a tool or instrument with two limbs or jaws that are jointed together and used for gripping and holding objects; the claws or appendages of certain creatures that are used for grasping, gripping, or crushing
131. make a do___e plan *adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
132. ji___e a little bell *v.* to create or make a ringing sound, particularly one that is musical or catchy
133. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
134. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
135. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
136. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
137. und_____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
138. pa_____nt to all the others *adj.* more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position

ANSWERS: 128. broaden, 129. complication, 130. pincers, 131. doable, 132. jingle, 133. intellect, 134. pandemic, 135. cofounder, 136. improvisation, 137. underestimate, 138. paramount

139. und_____le outcome *adj.* not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance
140. und_____le behavior *adj.* not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance
141. reg_____te information *v.* to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original
142. mis_____ed teeth *adj.* not properly aligned or arranged; not placed in the correct position or orientation
143. mi_____e a feeling *v.* to feel doubt, uncertainty, or suspicion about something; to have reservations
144. v__o power *n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president
145. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
146. so_____al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
147. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
148. co_____on disorder *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

ANSWERS: 139. undesirable, 140. undesirable, 141. regurgitate, 142. misaligned, 143. misgive, 144. veto, 145. intellect, 146. societal, 147. steer, 148. cognition

149. wo_____me issue *adj.* causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm
150. code sn_____t *n.* a small piece or brief extract of something
151. Northeast qu_____nt *n.* a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes
152. during noon re____s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
153. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
154. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
155. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
156. sy_____ic economy *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
157. the escape from dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

ANSWERS: 149. worrisome, 150. snippet, 151. quadrant, 152. recess, 153. opportune, 154. superpower, 155. industrious, 156. symbiotic, 157. dystopia

158. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
159. se_____nt beings *adj.* having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness
160. ji_____e money in my pocket *v.* to create or make a ringing sound, particularly one that is musical or catchy
161. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
162. in_____t medication *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
163. antagonism of do_____ne *n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
164. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
165. maximum hor_____er *n.* a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that one horse can do in a set amount of time
166. di_____e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
167. gi_____sh language *n.* unintelligible or nonsensical language or speech; meaningless or difficult to comprehend talk or writing

ANSWERS: 158. confuse, 159. sentient, 160. jingle, 161. unintended, 162. ingest, 163. dopamine, 164. trait, 165. horsepower, 166. dictate, 167. gibberish

168. grip with pi____s *n.* a tool or instrument with two limbs or jaws that are jointed together and used for gripping and holding objects; the claws or appendages of certain creatures that are used for grasping, gripping, or crushing
169. global pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
170. lo__y ambitions *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
171. 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
172. cognitive ne_____gy *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
173. do___e in daily life *adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
174. imp_____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
175. resolve without com_____ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
176. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
177. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
178. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 168. pincers, 169. pandemic, 170. lofty, 171. pretension, 172. neurology, 173. doable, 174. imperfectly, 175. complication, 176. steer, 177. underestimate, 178. opportune

179. wr__k further damage *v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
180. a crumbling dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
181. tw__k his cheek *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
182. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
183. uns_____le momentum *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
184. tw__k the economy *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
185. hard to re___n *v.* to think or believe something
186. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
187. pr_____e on his tolerance *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
188. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
189. meaningless gi_____sh *n.* unintelligible or nonsensical language or speech; meaningless or difficult to comprehend talk or writing

ANSWERS: 179. wreak, 180. dystopia, 181. tweak, 182. misunderstand, 183. unstoppable, 184. tweak, 185. reckon, 186. trait, 187. presume, 188. quote, 189. gibberish

190. ho____y audience

v. to shock or disgust greatly

ANSWERS: 190. horrify

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her rushed explanation _____ me that she is hiding something.
v. to feel doubt, uncertainty, or suspicion about something; to have reservations
2. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
3. The government is investing in programs to support _____ and small business development.
n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
4. He created an _____ shaped torso.
adv. in a faulty or incomplete way
5. The _____ robot was designed to have a human-like appearance.
adj. describing or relating to the attribution of human characteristics to non-human entities
6. The company decided to take a _____ and reconvene the meeting later that day.
n. a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
7. The _____ along the highway prevents vehicles from going off the road's edge.
n. a sturdy metal or wooden railing or barrier placed beside a road, bridge, or other dangerous areas to prevent vehicles or people from going over the edge; a protective barrier or railing used to prevent falls or accidents

ANSWERS: 1. misgives, 2. improvisation, 3. entrepreneurship, 4. imperfectly, 5. anthropomorphic, 6. recess, 7. guardrail

8. People who compulsively _____ non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.
- v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
9. We must prepare for the _____ storm expected to hit our area.
- adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
10. The chocolate cake was too _____ for me to resist.
- adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
11. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
- n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
12. The journalist saved a _____ of the interview for later reference.
- n.* a small piece or brief extract of something
13. The angry customer began running _____ in the store, knocking over displays and screaming at employees.
- adv.* in a restless or uncontrolled manner, typically associated with a violent outburst or rampage
14. I was so _____ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.
- adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
15. Hunters use a whistle that makes the _____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 8. ingest, 9. impending, 10. tempting, 11. optimism, 12. snippet, 13. amok, 14. distracted, 15. doe

16. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

17. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

18. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

19. He didn't _____ the plan, even though he had time.

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

20. The complexity of the situation can _____ the mind.

v. to be overwhelmed or surprised by something; to hesitate or be uncertain about something; to cause someone to feel overwhelmed or surprised

21. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

22. The president's _____ prevented the bill from becoming law.

n. the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president

23. He was an _____ to his fans, who looked up to him as a role model.

n. an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered

24. It is _____ that human activities are the cause of global warming.

adj. admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

ANSWERS: 16. pandemic, 17. disbeliever, 18. underestimated, 19. tweak, 20. boggle, 21. excited, 22. veto, 23. idol, 24. unequivocal

25. The crew of the protagonist's starship communicated with each other through _____ frequencies.
- n.* (in science fiction) a fictional space within which faster-than-light travel is possible; a mathematical concept in linear algebra, where a subspace is a subset of a vector space that is closed under addition and scalar multiplication; a mental state that can be reached during certain BDSM activities
26. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
- n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
27. The company's new generator has a _____ rating of 1000, making it ideal for large buildings.
- n.* a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that one horse can do in a set amount of time
28. The religious _____ traveled the world, spreading the gospel and winning converts.
- n.* a person who seeks to convert others to their religious beliefs, especially through public preaching
29. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
- n.* a particular feature of your nature
30. The allies _____ the terms of surrender to the country.
- v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
31. The _____ scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.
- adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss

ANSWERS: 25. subspace, 26. cofounder, 27. horsepower, 28. evangelist, 29. traits, 30. dictated, 31. musky

32. She is studying clinical _____ to become a brain surgeon.
- n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
33. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
34. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.
- n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
35. The biology student had to _____ all the material she had learned for the final exam.
- v.* to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original
36. The storm wreaked _____ on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.
- n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
37. The handyman used his trusty _____ to remove the rusty nails from the old boards.
- n.* a tool or instrument with two limbs or jaws that are jointed together and used for gripping and holding objects; the claws or appendages of certain creatures that are used for grasping, gripping, or crushing
38. By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously _____.
- adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on

ANSWERS: 32. neurology, 33. exploded, 34. nerd, 35. regurgitate, 36. havoc, 37. pincers, 38. unreliable

39. We have a mutually _____ connection with them.

adj. involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist

40. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

41. During the unloading, the container box _____ a clicking sound.

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

42. The butterfly emerged from its _____ stage.

n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

43. He became _____ successful in the entertainment industry.

adv. extremely or exceptionally, especially in a way that is surprising

44. His _____ goals were admirable but unrealistic.

adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

45. The smell of the garbage was very _____.

adj. not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance

46. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

ANSWERS: 39. symbiotic, 40. confused, 41. emits, 42. larva, 43. phenomenally, 44. lofty, 45. undesirable, 46. quoted

47. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.

v. to shock or disgust greatly

48. I _____ you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

49. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.

adj. not planned or meant

50. His story was filled with obvious _____.

n. an overstatement of facts or description; the act of making something seem larger, more important, or more significant than it is

51. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

52. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

53. The pianist played the piece with _____ notes, creating a lively and upbeat sound.

adj. a style of musical performance or composition that involves playing each note separately and distinctly, with a sharp or abrupt tone; speech or writing that is abrupt or disjointed

ANSWERS: 47. horrify, 48. presume, 49. unintended, 50. exaggerations, 51. inject, 52. superpower, 53. staccato

54. 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
55. We got lost in the _____ of streets while exploring the city.
- n.* a complex network of winding passages or pathways designed as a puzzle or challenge for people to navigate through
56. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.
- v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
57. The painting was crooked and _____ so the museum staff had to rehang it properly.
- adj.* not properly aligned or arranged; not placed in the correct position or orientation
58. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into _____.
- n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
59. The professor focused on the research of infant _____.
- n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
60. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 54. pretensions, 55. maze, 56. steer, 57. misaligned, 58. dystopias, 59. cognition, 60. opportune

61. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

62. The _____ pressure to conform is strong in this community.

adj. relating to society or social relationships

63. The comedian is famous for his ability to _____ famous politicians.

v. to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire

64. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

65. The _____ at the inn was widely respected for his knowledge and experience with horses

n. an employee at a stable who takes care of horses, including feeding, grooming, and exercising them

66. The rain began to _____ through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.

v. to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

67. The drug controls the level of _____ in the brain.

n. a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension

68. The company tried to build an _____ image.

adj. showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people

ANSWERS: 61. industrious, 62. societal, 63. impersonate, 64. intellect, 65. ostler, 66. seep, 67. dopamine, 68. altruistic

69. The athlete's _____ performance broke all previous records.

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

70. The media exposed the politician's _____.

n. a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading

71. The virus has _____ havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.

v. to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events

72. This project is _____ despite the tight schedule.

adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

73. He _____ his life to helping others.

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

74. The cerebral _____ is responsible for higher brain functions such as decision-making and problem-solving.

n. the part of the cerebral cortex that is responsible for higher brain functions such as conscious thought and decision-making

75. Animals such as dolphins and elephants are highly _____ and intelligent creatures.

adj. having the ability to perceive or feel things, particularly through sense perception like touch or sight, especially at higher levels of intelligence and consciousness

76. The art museum has hired a _____ to select and display pieces from its collection.

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

ANSWERS: 69. phenomenal, 70. falsehoods, 71. wreaked, 72. doable, 73. dedicated,
74. neocortex, 75. sentient, 76. curate

77. The lack of funds has resulted in a _____ for our university system.
n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
78. This country became a country of _____ geostrategic importance to us.
adj. more important than anything else; having superior power and influence or the highest position
79. He spoke in _____ and no one could understand what he was trying to say.
n. unintelligible or nonsensical language or speech; meaningless or difficult to comprehend talk or writing
80. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
81. The _____ news about the impending storm caused many people to evacuate.
adj. causing worry, trouble, or anxiety; indicating the possible presence of danger, difficulty, or harm
82. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
83. Her _____ personality brightened up the room.
adj. happy and positive; causing feelings of happiness or optimism; marked by or expressing joy or optimism
84. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 77. catastrophe, 78. paramount, 79. gibberish, 80. app's, 81. worrisome, 82. misunderstand, 83. cheerful, 84. instinct

85. The army relied on its superior _____ to win the battle.
- n.* the ability or capacity of a military unit or weapon to deliver a high volume of fire; the destructive capacity of military weapons or equipment
86. Our body transfers information along each _____ using an electrical impulse.
- n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
87. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
88. The map was divided into four _____ to examine the geographical region closely.
- n.* a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes
89. The company _____ its product line to include more customer options.
- v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
90. The _____ boom of the late 1990s changed the landscape of the tech industry forever.
- n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
91. The team's winning streak was _____.
- adj.* impossible to stop or prevent

ANSWERS: 85. firepower, 86. neuron, 87. empowered, 88. quadrants, 89. broadened, 90. dotcom, 91. unstoppable

92. He also continued to struggle with serious long-term _____.

n. something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

93. The keys on her keychain _____ loudly as she fumbled to unlock the door.

v. to create or make a ringing sound, particularly one that is musical or catchy

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

v. to think or believe something

95. The _____ by the king declared that war was imminent and all non-disabled men were to report for duty.

n. a formal or authoritative statement or announcement, especially one issued by a governing body or public official

ANSWERS: 92. complications, 93. jingled, 94. reckons, 95. pronouncement