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Session 1: Word List

- bug** *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
synonym: insect, bacterium, microbe
(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes
I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.
- buzz** *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
synonym: hum, murmur, whisper
(1) the **buzz** of a cicada, (2) **buzz** marketing
I heard the **buzz** of conversation from the next room.
- weird** *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar
(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**
My computer has been acting **weird** recently.
- hummingbird** *n.* a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction
(1) **hummingbird** feeder, (2) **hummingbird** nest
Watching a **hummingbird** at a flower is like observing a

miniature ballet of nature.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains
The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

aerial

n. a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air

synonym : antenna, skywire, transmitter

(1) **aerial** antenna, (2) **aerial** photography

The **aerial** view from the airplane showed the beautiful landscape below.

acrobatic

adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

synonym : nimble, agile, flexible

(1) **acrobatic** leaps, (2) **acrobatic** skills

The **acrobatic** performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.

midair

n. some point in the air; above ground level

(1) a **midair** collision, (2) thrown out into **midair**

She flawlessly performed a **midair** somersault.

pollinate

v. to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others

synonym : fertilize, propagate

(1) **pollinate** plants, (2) **pollinate** fruit trees

Without bees to **pollinate** the flowers, many crops would not exist.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

upside

n. the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

synonym : advantage, benefit, top

(1) have no **upside**, (2) market **upside**

Many people see the **upside** of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

unpack

v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

synonym : dissect, unwrap, unbox

(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept

I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

blazing

adj. burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

synonym : burning, fiery, scorching

(1) **blazing** fury, (2) **blazing** fire

The **blazing** sun beat down on the desert.

feast

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

synonym : banquet, celebration, dinner

(1) a **feast** for the eyes, (2) a nightly **feast**

The royal **feast** celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

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.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

frequency

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: recurrence, repetition, regularity

(1) **frequency** band, (2) high **frequency**

The oscillator hunts for the correct **frequency**.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

flap

n. a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

synonym: winged object, cover, (verb) flutter

(1) the **flap** of wings, (2) **flap** out a candle

The **flap** of the tent was open, letting in the fresh air.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

pectoral

adj. relating to or located in the chest area, particularly the muscles or organs of the chest; relating to the breast or chest

synonym: chest, breastplate

(1) **pectoral** cross, (2) **pectoral** fins

The athlete wore a **pectoral** muscle brace to protect his injured chest muscle.

comprise

v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

synonym: consist of, include, be composed of

(1) **comprise** a large percentage, (2) **comprise** the recent past

The team **comprises** players from different countries.

fine-tune

v. to make tiny changes or improvements to make it work as well as possible

synonym: adjust, calibrate, refine

(1) **fine-tune** financial systems, (2) **fine-tune** the engine

The government should not try to **fine-tune** the economy excessively based on a short-term prediction.

wrist

n. the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint

synonym : carpus

(1) **wrist** bones, (2) glance at my **wrist** watch

He sprained his **wrist** while playing basketball.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym : raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

stroke

n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

synonym : blow

(1) suffer **stroke**, (2) a **stroke** of the putter

This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat **stroke** cases.

upward

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

synonym : skyward, uphill

(1) look **upward**, (2) demonstrate an **upward** trend

The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

continually

adv. in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

synonym : repeatedly, frequently, constantly

(1) **continually** access information, (2) **continually** changing world

Her tongue runs on **continually**.

wingbeat

n. the motion or rhythm of a bird's wings while in flight, often used to describe the sound or frequency of the wing flaps

synonym : flap, flutter, oscillation

(1) bird **wingbeat**, (2) **wingbeat** frequency

The hummingbird's rapid **wingbeat** allows it to hover in place while collecting nectar from flowers.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

sustained

adj. lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense

synonym : prolonged, extended, continual

(1) **sustained** economic growth, (2) **sustained** release medication

The company experienced **sustained** growth over the past

decade.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

synonym: hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym: immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

jet

n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

synonym: plane, aircraft, flier

(1) private **jet**, (2) commercial **jet**

The **jet** flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

spin

v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

synonym : rotate, twirl, swirl

(1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton

The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym : back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

exhaust

n. the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired

synonym : emission, fumes, (verb) deplete

(1) **exhaust** pipe, (2) **exhaust** a topic

The factory's **exhaust** fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.

intensive

adj. involving a lot of work or activity in a short time

synonym : thorough, comprehensive, in-depth

(1) **intensive** agriculture, (2) **intensive** care

The construction industry is labor **intensive**, although it has

been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.

movement

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

synonym: motion, progression, action

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

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

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym: empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

metabolism

n. the set of chemical reactions in cells or organisms that are necessary for life-sustaining

(1) **metabolism** enzyme, (2) hemoglobin **metabolism**

Better sleep leads to increased **metabolism**.

vertebrate

adj. relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish

synonym: animal, chordate, backboned

(1) the muscle tissue of a **vertebrate**, (2) **vertebrate** biology

The presence of a backbone is a defining characteristic of **vertebrate** animals.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity
A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky
synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person
He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

perch

v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

synonym: sit, roost, squat

(1) **perch** on a ledge, (2) **perch** of a bird of prey

The bird **perched** on the branch, watching the world below.

slender

adj. thin and delicate, often in an attractive way
synonym: lanky, skinny, slim

(1) **slender** body, (2) a long **slender** leaf

He has a **slender** income.

pump

v. to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

synonym: drain, inject, send

(1) **pump** a secret out of success, (2) **pump** blood throughout the body

He was alert and could not **pump** any critical information out

of him.

nectar

n. a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring
synonym : honey, ambrosia, syrup

(1) **nectar** of the gods, (2) fruit **nectar**

The **nectar** of the flowers attracted many bees to the garden.

groove

n. a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm

synonym : rut, channel, furrow

(1) **groove** on the dance floor, (2) get into the **groove**

The band played a smooth **groove** that got everyone dancing.

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

synonym : lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

sugary

adj. having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere

synonym : sweet, syrupy, saccharine

(1) **sugary** treat, (2) excessively **sugary**

I avoid eating **sugary** foods to maintain a healthy diet.

liquid

n. a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym : fluid

(1) colorless **liquid**, (2) hazardous **liquid**

The sponge takes up the **liquid** well.

pollen

n. a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination

synonym : dust, spores, allergen

(1) **pollen** allergy symptoms, (2) high **pollen** count

My allergies flare up during **pollen** season, making it difficult to breathe.

rough

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

synonym : inelegant, coarse, barbarian

(1) **rough** and tough, (2) **rough** estimation

The vehicle bounced along the **rough** mountain road.

drain

v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

synonym : draw off, bleed

(1) **drain** water from the swamp, (2) **drain** excess liquid

Push the button and let the water **drain** away.

ruthlessly

adv. without compassion or pity; mercilessly

synonym : mercilessly, brutally, cruelly

(1) **ruthlessly** efficient, (2) judge **ruthlessly**

He **ruthlessly** cut ties with anyone who crossed him.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

floral

adj. relating to or resembling flowers

synonym : flowery, blooming

(1) **floral** kingdom, (2) **floral** design

The **floral** arrangements at the wedding were breathtakingly beautiful.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state
synonym : domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym : contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

spear

n. a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

synonym : javelin, pike, lance

(1) hunting **spear**, (2) sharp-pointed **spear**

Ancient people made **spears** with wood entirely.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

duel

n. formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge

synonym : contest, fight, competition

(1) sword **duel**, (2) **duel** for honor

The **duel** between the two rival knights was a spectacle to see.

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.

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

synonym : assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym : poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

pluck

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

synonym : grab, pull out, pick

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

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

spiny

adj. covered with spines, thorns, or prickly projections; having an abrasive or irritating manner or causing discomfort or annoyance

synonym : thorny, prickly, bristly

(1) **spiny** shrub, (2) **spiny** lobster

The **spiny** cactus plant was difficult to handle without getting pricked.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

hook

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

synonym : buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

serrated

adj. having a saw-toothed or notched edge; of or relating to leaves, knives, or other objects with jagged edges

synonym : jagged, toothed, notched

(1) **serrated** leaves, (2) **serrated** knife

The saw had a **serrated** edge that allowed it to cut through the thick branches with ease.

employ

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

synonym : hire, engage, use

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

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

fencing

n. the art or practice of fighting with swords, especially with foils, épées, or sabers, according to certain rules

synonym : swordplay, duelling, sabreplay

(1) **fencing** equipment, (2) **fencing** club

He practiced his **fencing** techniques with a partner.

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

- owl** *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
synonym: raptor, bird of prey, nocturnal bird
(1) a night **owl**, (2) an **owl** hooted
The snowy **owl** is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.
- extreme** *adj.* very great in amount or degree
synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce
(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events
Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.
- compete** *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
synonym: contend, contest, vie
(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely
You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.
- surrender** *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
synonym: yield, submit, relinquish
(1) **surrender** at discretion, (2) **surrender** an insurance policy
The enemy was forced to **surrender** after a long battle.
- hibernation** *n.* a state of inactivity and metabolic depression in animals during the winter
synonym: dormancy, torpor, sleep
(1) **hibernation** period, (2) artificial **hibernation**
Many animals go into **hibernation** during the winter to conserve energy and survive the harsh conditions.
- torpor** *n.* a state of reduced activity or a slowed metabolism, often occurring in hibernating animals or as a result of extreme stress or fatigue
synonym: dormancy, inactivity, sluggishness
(1) **torpor** period, (2) economic **torpor**

The cold weather had put the bear into a state of **torpor**.

proportionally

adv. in a way that corresponds in size, amount, or degree to change in something else

synonym : proportionately

(1) distribute the profits **proportionally**, (2) **proportionally** increased

Northern regions have **proportionally** greater rates of unemployment.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym : bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

lightning

n. a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

synonym : bolt, electrical discharge

(1) streaks of **lightning**, (2) **lightning** air strike

The human eye is **lightning-fast** in recognizing objects.

gear

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

synonym : equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever

She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym : resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

revered

v. highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

synonym: respected, admired, honored

(1) **revered** figure, (2) the most **revered** President

The **revered** teacher was loved by her students.

energetic

adj. possessing or exerting or displaying energy

synonym: active, animated, lively

(1) **energetic** density, (2) **energetic** dog

This process caused an **energetic** chemical reaction.

immense

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: enormous, giant, huge

(1) **immense** amount, (2) **immense** pressure

He left his wife an **immense** fortune.

Session 2: Spelling

1. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
2. acquire te____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
3. the muscle tissue of a ver____te *adj.* relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish
4. ty____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
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19. look up___d *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
20. wild goose ch__e *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

ANSWERS: 11. hawk, 12. rough, 13. energetic, 14. drain, 15. scenario, 16. giant, 17. giant, 18. immense, 19. upward, 20. chase

21. a nightly fe__t *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
22. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
23. thrown out into mi___r *n.* some point in the air; above ground level
24. gr___e on the dance floor *n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
25. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
26. sports g__r *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
27. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
28. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
29. a subordinate ki___m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
30. ac_____ic leaps *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
31. pl__k out weeds *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

ANSWERS: 21. feast, 22. flee, 23. midair, 24. groove, 25. astonishing, 26. gear, 27. massive, 28. defend, 29. kingdom, 30. acrobatic, 31. pluck

32. economic to___r *n.* a state of reduced activity or a slowed metabolism, often occurring in hibernating animals or as a result of extreme stress or fatigue
33. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
34. native to___e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
35. hum_____rd nest *n.* a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction
36. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
37. hazardous li____d *n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
38. po___n allergy symptoms *n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination
39. f__p out a candle *n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion
40. pe_____al fins *adj.* relating to or located in the chest area, particularly the muscles or organs of the chest; relating to the breast or chest

ANSWERS: 32. torpor, 33. relative, 34. tongue, 35. hummingbird, 36. feat, 37. liquid, 38. pollen, 39. flap, 40. pectoral

41. ho__r around the table *v.* to stay in one place in the air
42. fe____g equipment *n.* the art or practice of fighting with swords, especially with foils, épées, or sabers, according to certain rules
43. su_____ed economic growth *adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
44. con_____ly changing world *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
45. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
46. colorless li____d *n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
47. ro__h and tough *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
48. hunting sp__r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
49. have no up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
50. se_____ed leaves *adj.* having a saw-toothed or notched edge; of or relating to leaves, knives, or other objects with jagged edges
51. the most re_____d President *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
52. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
53. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

ANSWERS: 41. hover, 42. fencing, 43. sustained, 44. continually, 45. massive, 46. liquid, 47. rough, 48. spear, 49. upside, 50. serrated, 51. revered, 52. bug, 53. tip

54. the curved shape of a h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
55. streaks of li_____ng *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
56. b__z marketing *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
57. se_____ed knife *adj.* having a saw-toothed or notched edge; of or relating to leaves, knives, or other objects with jagged edges
58. in_____ve agriculture *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
59. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
60. judge rut_____ly *adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly
61. a night o_l *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
62. ver_____te biology *adj.* relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish
63. suffer st___e *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

ANSWERS: 54. hook, 55. lightning, 56. buzz, 57. serrated, 58. intensive, 59. evolve, 60. ruthlessly, 61. owl, 62. vertebrate, 63. stroke

64. ba____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
65. in_____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
66. a fe__t for the eyes *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
67. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
68. re_____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
69. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
70. em____y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
71. pe__h of a bird of prey *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
72. fl____l design *adj.* relating to or resembling flowers
73. get into the gr____e *n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
74. ho__r between life and death *v.* to stay in one place in the air
75. ex_____t pipe *n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired

ANSWERS: 64. backward, 65. instantly, 66. feast, 67. consume, 68. recover, 69. incredibly, 70. employ, 71. perch, 72. floral, 73. groove, 74. hover, 75. exhaust

76. a st___e of the putter *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
77. private j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
78. re____d figure *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
79. glance at my wr__t watch *n.* the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint
80. s__n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
81. the te____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
82. li____ng air strike *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
83. artificial hib____on *n.* a state of inactivity and metabolic depression in animals during the winter
84. met____sm enzyme *n.* the set of chemical reactions in cells or organisms that are necessary for life-sustaining
85. ac____ic skills *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

ANSWERS: 76. stroke, 77. jet, 78. revered, 79. wrist, 80. spin, 81. technique, 82. lightning, 83. hibernation, 84. metabolism, 85. acrobatic

86. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
87. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
88. to____e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
89. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
90. bl_____g fire *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
91. su____y treat *adj.* having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere
92. sword d__l *n.* formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge
93. po_____te plants *v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
94. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 86. aggressive, 87. humming, 88. tongue, 89. humming, 90. blazing, 91. sugary, 92. duel, 93. pollinate, 94. competition

95. ac____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
96. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
97. market up____e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
98. rut____ly efficient *adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly
99. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
100. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
101. d__l for honor *n.* formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge
102. fl____l kingdom *adj.* relating to or resembling flowers
103. pl__k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
104. fr____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
105. co____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

ANSWERS: 95. achieve, 96. threat, 97. upside, 98. ruthlessly, 99. strength, 100. relative, 101. duel, 102. floral, 103. pluck, 104. frequent, 105. compete

106. co_____e electricity
107. a circular mo_____nt
108. environmental th____t
109. fo_____te situation
110. excessively su____y
111. demonstrate an up____d trend
112. be killed in_____ly
113. l__t sagging skin
114. number of different sc_____ios
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
- adj.* having good luck or lucky
- adj.* having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere
- adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
- adv.* immediately
- v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

ANSWERS: 106. consume, 107. movement, 108. threat, 109. fortunate, 110. sugary, 111. upward, 112. instantly, 113. lift, 114. scenario

115. sl____r body *adj.* thin and delicate, often in an attractive way
116. hemoglobin met_____sm *n.* the set of chemical reactions in cells or organisms that are necessary for life-sustaining
117. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
118. im_____e amount *adj.* extremely large or great
119. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
120. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
121. ae___l photography *n.* a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air
122. fi_____ne the engine *v.* to make tiny changes or improvements to make it work as well as possible
123. sharp-pointed sp__r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
124. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
125. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

ANSWERS: 115. slender, 116. metabolism, 117. mere, 118. immense, 119. extreme, 120. flee, 121. aerial, 122. fine-tune, 123. spear, 124. hawk, 125. spin

126. walk ba_____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
127. pro_____lly increased *adv.* in a way that corresponds in size, amount, or degree to change in something else
128. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
129. su_____ed release medication *adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
130. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
131. wi_____at frequency *n.* the motion or rhythm of a bird's wings while in flight, often used to describe the sound or frequency of the wing flaps
132. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
133. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
134. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
135. con_____ly access information *adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly
136. high po_____n count *n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination

ANSWERS: 126. backward, 127. proportionally, 128. movement, 129. sustained, 130. aggressive, 131. wingbeat, 132. fortunate, 133. incredibly, 134. extreme, 135. continually, 136. pollen

137. a long sl____r leaf *adj.* thin and delicate, often in an attractive way
138. p__p blood throughout the body *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
139. the f__p of wings *n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion
140. a hat h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
141. commercial j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
142. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
143. wr__t bones *n.* the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint
144. s__b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
145. re____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
146. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

ANSWERS: 137. slender, 138. pump, 139. flap, 140. hook, 141. jet, 142. weird, 143. wrist, 144. stab, 145. recover, 146. tip

147. un___k a concept *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
148. ne___r of the gods *n.* a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring
149. un___k a crate *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
150. su_____er at discretion *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
151. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
152. co_____se the recent past *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
153. en_____ic dog *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
154. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
155. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
156. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
157. distribute the profits pro_____lly *adv.* in a way that corresponds in size, amount, or degree to change in something else

ANSWERS: 147. unpack, 148. nectar, 149. unpack, 150. surrender, 151. remarkable, 152. comprise, 153. energetic, 154. typical, 155. feat, 156. technique, 157. proportionally

158. hib_____on period *n.* a state of inactivity and metabolic depression in animals during the winter
159. the b__z of a cicada *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
160. high fr_____cy *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
161. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
162. p__p a secret out of success *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
163. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
164. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
165. establish his ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
166. po_____te fruit trees *v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
167. ae___l antenna *n.* a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air

ANSWERS: 158. hibernation, 159. buzz, 160. frequency, 161. employ, 162. pump, 163. frequent, 164. incredible, 165. kingdom, 166. pollinate, 167. aerial

168. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
169. ev____e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
170. dr__n excess liquid *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
171. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
172. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
173. pe__h on a ledge *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
174. su_____er an insurance policy *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
175. fe____g club *n.* the art or practice of fighting with swords, especially with foils, épées, or sabers, according to certain rules
176. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
177. fi_____ne financial systems *v.* to make tiny changes or improvements to make it work as well as possible
178. to____r period *n.* a state of reduced activity or a slowed metabolism, often occurring in hibernating animals or as a result of extreme stress or fatigue

ANSWERS: 168. strength, 169. evolve, 170. drain, 171. defend, 172. astonishing, 173. perch, 174. surrender, 175. fencing, 176. remarkable, 177. fine-tune, 178. torpor

179. hum_____rd feeder *n.* a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction
180. a mi____r collision *n.* some point in the air; above ground level
181. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
182. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
183. an o_l hooted *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
184. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
185. ch__e a dream *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
186. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
187. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 179. hummingbird, 180. midair, 181. compete, 182. blind, 183. owl, 184. achieve, 185. chase, 186. blind, 187. competition

188. a g__r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
189. bird wi_____at *n.* the motion or rhythm of a bird's wings while in flight, often used to describe the sound or frequency of the wing flaps
190. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
191. fruit ne____r *n.* a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring
192. number of b_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
193. in_____ve care *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
194. pe_____al cross *adj.* relating to or located in the chest area, particularly the muscles or organs of the chest; relating to the breast or chest
195. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
196. sp__y lobster *adj.* covered with spines, thorns, or prickly projections; having an abrasive or irritating manner or causing discomfort or annoyance
197. co_____se a large percentage *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

ANSWERS: 188. gear, 189. wingbeat, 190. territory, 191. nectar, 192. bug, 193. intensive, 194. pectoral, 195. incredible, 196. spiny, 197. comprise

198. a we__d dress

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 198. weird

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the flowers attracted many bees to the garden.
n. a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring
2. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree
3. My allergies flare up during _____ season, making it difficult to breathe.
n. a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination
4. Without bees to _____ the flowers, many crops would not exist.
v. to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
5. His heartaches are less _____ now.
adj. happening constantly
6. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
adj. having good luck or lucky
7. The tornado is _____ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.
v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

ANSWERS: 1. nectar, 2. extreme, 3. pollen, 4. pollinate, 5. frequent, 6. fortunate, 7. spinning

8. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.
n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
9. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-_____.
n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
10. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
11. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
12. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.
n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
13. The construction industry is labor _____ although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.
adj. involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
14. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
15. The sponge takes up the _____ well.
n. a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

ANSWERS: 8. tongue, 9. hawk, 10. consume, 11. massive, 12. tips, 13. intensive, 14. incredible, 15. liquid

16. He sprained his _____ while playing basketball.

n. the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint

17. He has a _____ income.

adj. thin and delicate, often in an attractive way

18. The vehicle bounced along the _____ mountain road.

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

19. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

20. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

21. The enemy was forced to _____ after a long battle.

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

22. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

23. The _____ arrangements at the wedding were breathtakingly beautiful.

adj. relating to or resembling flowers

24. Better sleep leads to increased _____.

n. the set of chemical reactions in cells or organisms that are necessary for life-sustaining

ANSWERS: 16. wrist, 17. slender, 18. rough, 19. lifted, 20. strength, 21. surrender, 22. achieve, 23. floral, 24. metabolism

25. The bird _____ on the branch, watching the world below.

- v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

26. The ____ flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

- n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

27. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.

- adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

28. He was _____ many times with scissors.

- v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

29. She checked her _____ before embarking on the hike.

- n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

30. She _____ the flowers off the bush.

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

31. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

- adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

32. The band played a smooth _____ that got everyone dancing.

- n. a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm

ANSWERS: 25. perched, 26. jet, 27. astonishing, 28. stabbed, 29. gear, 30. plucked, 31. weird, 32. groove

33. He _____ cut ties with anyone who crossed him.

adv. without compassion or pity; mercilessly

34. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

35. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

36. I heard the _____ of conversation from the next room.

v. to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

37. The _____ teacher was loved by her students.

v. highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

38. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

39. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

40. He lost the election by _____ votes.

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

41. The company adjusted the revenue _____.

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

ANSWERS: 33. ruthlessly, 34. typical, 35. relatives, 36. buzz, 37. revered, 38. compete, 39. technique, 40. mere, 41. upward

42. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

43. Two birds were _____ overhead.

v. to stay in one place in the air

44. I avoid eating _____ foods to maintain a healthy diet.

adj. having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere

45. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

46. The _____ between the two rival knights was a spectacle to see.

n. formal, one-on-one combat between two people, typically with deadly weapons, often as a means of settling a dispute or seeking revenge

47. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

48. Please hang your towel on a _____.

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

49. The human eye is _____ in recognizing objects.

n. a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

ANSWERS: 42. incredibly, 43. hovering, 44. sugary, 45. aggressive, 46. duel, 47. defend, 48. hook, 49. lightning-fast

50. The government should not try to _____ the economy excessively based on a short-term prediction.

v. to make tiny changes or improvements to make it work as well as possible

51. The _____ view from the airplane showed the beautiful landscape below.

n. a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air

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

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

53. The _____ performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.

adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

54. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

55. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

56. The presence of a backbone is a defining characteristic of _____ animals.

adj. relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish

57. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 50. fine-tune, 51. aerial, 52. movement, 53. acrobatic, 54. humming, 55. flee, 56. vertebrate, 57. competition

58. 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
59. I found a stink ____ crawling across the ceiling.
- n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
60. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
61. This process caused an _____ chemical reaction.
- adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
62. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
- v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
63. The cold weather had put the bear into a state of _____.
- n.* a state of reduced activity or a slowed metabolism, often occurring in hibernating animals or as a result of extreme stress or fatigue
64. It is an incredible ____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
65. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.
- adv.* immediately

ANSWERS: 58. chased, 59. bug, 60. threat, 61. energetic, 62. employ, 63. torpor, 64. feat, 65. instantly

66. Northern regions have _____ greater rates of unemployment.

adv. in a way that corresponds in size, amount, or degree to change in something else

67. Watching a _____ at a flower is like observing a miniature ballet of nature.

n. a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction

68. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

69. He was alert and could not _____ any critical information out of him.

v. to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

70. I need to _____ my suitcase and put my clothes away.

v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

71. This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat _____ cases.

n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

72. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

73. The _____ cactus plant was difficult to handle without getting pricked.

adj. covered with spines, thorns, or prickly projections; having an abrasive or irritating manner or causing discomfort or annoyance

ANSWERS: 66. proportionally, 67. hummingbird, 68. territory, 69. pump, 70. unpack, 71. stroke, 72. blind, 73. spiny

74. The saw had a _____ edge that allowed it to cut through the thick branches with ease.

adj. having a saw-toothed or notched edge; of or relating to leaves, knives, or other objects with jagged edges

75. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

76. Ancient people made _____ with wood entirely.

n. a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

77. The athlete wore a _____ muscle brace to protect his injured chest muscle.

adj. relating to or located in the chest area, particularly the muscles or organs of the chest; relating to the breast or chest

78. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

79. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

80. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

81. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 74. serrated, 75. remarkable, 76. spears, 77. pectoral, 78. kingdom, 79. evolved, 80. backward, 81. giant

82. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
83. He practiced his _____ techniques with a partner.
n. the art or practice of fighting with swords, especially with foils, épées, or sabers, according to certain rules
84. The oscillator hunts for the correct _____.
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
85. The company experienced _____ growth over the past decade.
adj. lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
86. The factory's _____ fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.
n. the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
87. The _____ sun beat down on the desert.
adj. burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
88. The royal _____ celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.
n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
89. She flawlessly performed a _____ somersault.
n. some point in the air; above ground level

ANSWERS: 82. scenarios, 83. fencing, 84. frequency, 85. sustained, 86. exhaust, 87. blazing, 88. feast, 89. midair

90. The _____ of the tent was open, letting in the fresh air.

- n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

91. Push the button and let the water _____ away.

- v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

92. He left his wife an _____ fortune.

- adj.* extremely large or great

93. The hummingbird's rapid _____ allows it to hover in place while collecting nectar from flowers.

- n.* the motion or rhythm of a bird's wings while in flight, often used to describe the sound or frequency of the wing flaps

94. Her tongue runs on _____.

- adv.* in a way that happens without interruption or repeatedly

95. Many animals go into _____ during the winter to conserve energy and survive the harsh conditions.

- n.* a state of inactivity and metabolic depression in animals during the winter

96. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

- v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

97. Many people see the _____ of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

- n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

ANSWERS: 90. flap, 91. drain, 92. immense, 93. wingbeat, 94. continually, 95. hibernation, 96. recovering, 97. upside

98. The team _____ players from different countries.

v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

99. The snowy ____ is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.

n. a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call

ANSWERS: 98. comprises, 99. owl