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Session 1: Word List

redundant

adj. unnecessarily repetitive or excessive; exceeding what is necessary or essential; characterized by unnecessary repetition or duplication of efforts

synonym: unnecessary, superfluous, surplus

(1) **redundant** worker, (2) **redundant** equipment

The report contained **redundant** information that could have been eliminated.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym: program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

guarantee

- v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym: assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality
We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

contract

- n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

synonym: agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

employer

- n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

synonym: boss, owner, company

(1) illegal **employer**, (2) **employer** responsibility

An **employer's** attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.

automated

- adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

synonym: computerized, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **automated** manual transmission, (2) **automated** way

The plant will continue operating through an **automated** system 24 hours a day.

no-brainer

- n.* a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do

(1) **no-brainer** product, (2) look like a **no-brainer**

The first question in the test was a complete **no-brainer**.

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.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

scribe

n. a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times

synonym: copyist, transcriber, writer

(1) **scribe** in ancient Egypt, (2) financial **scribe**

The **scribe's** skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

competent

adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

synonym: skilled, able, capable

(1) **competent** authority, (2) **competent** personnel

The judge ruled that the defendant was **competent** to stand trial.

chump

n. a foolish or easily deceived person; a clumsy or stupid person

synonym: fool, dupe, sucker

(1) go from **chump** to champ, (2) unlucky **chump**

He's not known for being intelligent, and some consider him a **chump**.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym: integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

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.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

morality

n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior

synonym: decency, rectitude, righteousness

(1) business **morality**, (2) sense of **morality**

She found fault with the **morality** of politicians.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym: fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym: anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

widget

n. a small device or component of a larger system or software that performs a specific function or provides information or control, often displayed on a computer screen or mobile device

synonym: gadget, device, tool

(1) calendar **widget**, (2) social media **widget**

You can easily add a **widget** to your blog by following these steps

cooperation

n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

synonym: collaboration, affiliation, alliance

(1) **cooperation** with strategic partners, (2) thoroughgoing **cooperation**

The **cooperation** between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

moralize

v. to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior

synonym: preach, lecture, sermonize

(1) **moralize** a situation, (2) **moralize** about politics

I don't like it when people try to **moralize** me about my personal choices.

norm

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

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

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

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

differ

v. to be not like someone or something in some way

synonym: vary, diverge, disagree

(1) **differ** from the majority, (2) **differ** according to species

The two products **differed** in their quality and price.

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.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

protestant

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

synonym : reformed, evangelical, nonconformist

(1) hard-line **Protestant**, (2) **protestant** theology

The **Protestant** church was the dominant religion in the area.

ethic

n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

synonym : moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political

campaigns.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

intuitive

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

synonym: involuntary, instinctive, innate

(1) **intuitive** eating, (2) **intuitive** judgment

I had an **intuitive** feeling that I might be pregnant.

quirk

n. a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

synonym: eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity

(1) personality **quirk**, (2) a **quirk** of fate

One of her **quirks** is that she always wears mismatched socks.

individual

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

synonym: person, being, self

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

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

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

synonym: pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

uncommon

adj. not occurring or seen very often; rare

synonym: rare, scarce, unusual

(1) **uncommon** occurrence, (2) **uncommon** talents

It was **uncommon** for the store to have such a big sale.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym: mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

denim

n. a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing

synonym: jeans, dungarees, chambray

(1) **denim** shorts, (2) **denim** jacket

She loved the feel of her new **denim** jeans against her skin.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym: denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

sleek

adj. smooth and glossy in appearance or texture; streamlined and elegant in design or form; characterized by a polished or refined style or appearance

synonym: glossy, streamlined, polished

(1) **sleek** car, (2) **sleek** black dress

The car's **sleek**, aerodynamic design made it look fast even when standing still.

confident

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

synonym: certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark
I'm not **confident** in our victory.

stride

v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

synonym: step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope
She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her award.

elegant

adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

synonym: refined, sophisticated, graceful

(1) **elegant** design, (2) write **elegant** sentences
She wore an **elegant** evening gown to the gala.

hobble

v. to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement

synonym: limp, fether, shuffle

(1) **hobble** down the street, (2) **hobble** due to injury
She had to **hobble** with crutches after breaking her ankle.

grotesque

adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

synonym: bizarre, deformed, monstrous

(1) have **grotesque** design, (2) **grotesque** appearance
The **grotesque** sculpture made me feel uneasy.

grimace

v. to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth

synonym: frown, scowl, sneer

(1) **grimace** in pain, (2) try to hide a **grimace**
I couldn't help but **grimace** when I tasted the sour milk in my cereal.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

agony

n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

synonym: anguish, torment, suffering

(1) severe **agony**, (2) emotional **agony**

The athlete fell to the ground in **agony** after injuring their ankle.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym: motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

evolutionary

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

synonym: developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process

Evolutionary algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym: idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

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

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

pinch

- v. to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance

synonym: cramp, squeeze, clutch

(1) **pinch** off a bud, (2) **pinch** my nose

He **pinched** money from the cashbox without telling the company's employees.

slack

adj. lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

synonym: loose, lax, floppy

(1) a **slack** rope, (2) **slack** performance

The team's **slack** attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.

heuristic

adj. relating to a trial-and-error method of problem-solving, often involving learning from one's mistakes and using feedback to improve one's approach; also used to describe a problem-solving method or approach that is practical, efficient, or intuitive

synonym: solving, problem-solving, exploratory

(1) **heuristic** reasoning, (2) **heuristic** algorithm

The teacher used a **heuristic** method to teach the complex topic in a simple way.

donate

- v. to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization

synonym: bestow, contribute, grant

(1) **donate** to charity, (2) **donate** blood to the Red Cross

Our company **donates** to the school endowment fund every year.

pledge

- v. to make a formal promise to give or do something

synonym: promise, assure, guarantee

(1) **pledge** my fidelity, (2) **pledge** military assistance

At this ceremony, We will **pledge** allegiance to the country's flag.

marathon

n. a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers

synonym: endurance, race, event

(1) run a **marathon**, (2) watch a **marathon**

She successfully completed her first **marathon** with a personal best time.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

problematic

adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve

synonym: inappropriate, inconvenient, worrisome

(1) a **problematic** situation, (2) seems to be highly **problematic**

Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving **problematic** situations within a community.

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.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

sake

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

synonym: purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument

He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

perverse

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

synonym: stubborn, contrary, wicked

(1) **perverse** idea, (2) **perverse** attitude

His **perverse** sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

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

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

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.

steep

adj. having a sharp inclination or slope

synonym: sheer, precipitous, abrupt

(1) a **steep** staircase, (2) **steep** discount
The **steep** cliff made it difficult to climb.

volcano

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

synonym: mount, peak, crater

(1) **volcano** alert level, (2) active **volcano**

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym: forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

contrived

adj. created or arranged in an artificial, forced, or deliberate way; not natural or spontaneous

synonym: artificial, forced, fabricated

(1) **contrived** situation, (2) **contrived** laughter

The storyline of the movie seemed **contrived** and needed more authenticity.

leisure

n. the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities

synonym: relaxation, rest, downtime

(1) **leisure** activity, (2) a person of **leisure**

I like to spend my **leisure** time playing sports or reading on weekends.

workaholic

n. a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively

synonym: workhorse, drudge

(1) **workaholic** habits, (2) self-proclaimed **workaholic**
The company's founder was a notorious **workaholic** who spent every waking hour building the business.

badge

n. a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

synonym: emblem, insignia

(1) security **badge**, (2) **badge** holder

The police officer flashed his **badge** to prove his identity.

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;
(verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym: integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

capitalism

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

synonym: commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of

capitalism

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

sustain

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

synonym: maintain, nurture, support

(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle

She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.

blunt

adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

synonym: dull, obtuse, insensitive

(1) **blunt** criticism, (2) **blunt** force

The **blunt** knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

pointless

adj. having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

synonym: meaningless, purposeless, worthless

(1) **pointless** argument, (2) **pointless** task

The meeting was considered **pointless** since nothing was accomplished.

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym: achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations

Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

inefficiency

n. the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive

synonym: ineffectiveness, inefficacy, inadequacy

(1) **inefficiency** in the system, (2) bureaucratic **inefficiency**

The company's **inefficiency** in handling customer requests led to many complaints.

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

synonym: work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

paycheck

n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

synonym: salary, earnings, income

(1) electronic **paycheck**, (2) monthly **paycheck**

I received a bonus on top of my regular **paycheck** this month.

identity

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

synonym: character, personality, individuality

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

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

pathway

n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

synonym: route, footpath, trail

(1) **pathway** to understanding, (2) cellular signaling **pathways**

When the first molecule in the **pathway** receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

actualize

v. to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
synonym: realize, accomplish, effectuate

(1) **actualize** your ideas, (2) **actualize** the company's vision
I need to **actualize** my plan to make it a reality.

keen

adj. having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest

synonym: eager, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **keen** interest, (2) **keen** observation
He was **keen** to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.

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.

one-upmanship

n. the practice of gaining an advantage or showing superiority over others, often through competitive or aggressive behavior

synonym: one-upping, superiority complex

(1) office **one-upmanship**, (2) social **one-upmanship**
The business partners engaged in **one-upmanship**, each trying to make a bigger profit than the other.

slacker

n. a person who is lazy or avoids work and responsibilities; someone who lacks motivation or ambition

synonym: idler, procrastinator, loafer

(1) office **slacker**, (2) unproductive **slacker**
The boss was frustrated with the **slacker** employees who needed to catch up on their work.

pun *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
synonym: joke, quip, wordplay
(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**
The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

maintain *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain
(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health
I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

laborious *adj.* requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work
synonym: arduous, difficult, strenuous
(1) **laborious** routine, (2) **laborious** project
The construction workers had a **laborious** job of carrying heavy equipment up several flights of stairs.

aspect *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
synonym: characteristic, element, factor
(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life
His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

appreciate *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy
(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value
We would **appreciate** an early reply.

labor *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a

country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym: toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym: fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent
I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym: esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

pornography

n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

synonym: obscenity, indecency, smut

(1) **pornography** addiction, (2) violent **pornography**

The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of **pornography** easier than ever before.

candid

adj. honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

synonym: honest, frank, straightforward

(1) **candid** conversation, (2) in my **candid** opinion

The **candid** photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym: alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

adolescent

n. a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

synonym: teen, preadult, youth

(1) **adolescent** girl, (2) pre- **adolescent** children

Timely education about birth control might help reduce **adolescent** pregnancies.

schedule

- n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

synonym: agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**

So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

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.

delay

- v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

synonym: block, adjourn, detain

(1) **delay** a flight three hours, (2) **delay** the new project

We **delayed** the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

lab

- n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

circuit

- n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area

synonym: route, course, rotation

(1) **circuit** breaker, (2) federal **circuit** courts

An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring **circuit**.

stubborn

- adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding;

difficult to move or change

synonym: persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym: fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

ingrained

adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

synonym: inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

apocryphal

adj. of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true

synonym : spurious, questionable, dubious

(1) **apocryphal** account, (2) **apocryphal** text

The story of George Washington and the cherry tree is likely **apocryphal** but still taught in schools.

desperate

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

synonym : anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

cobra

n. a venomous snake found in Africa and Asia that can raise its head and spread a hood when threatened

synonym : serpent, snake

(1) **cobra** venom, (2) **cobra** bite

The king **cobra** slithered silently across the ground.

overrun

v. to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone

synonym : invade, conquer, occupy

(1) **overrun** an area, (2) garden **overrun** with weeds

The invading army quickly may **overrun** the small country and took control of its capital city.

colonial

adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

synonym: imperial, immigrant, gregarious

(1) oppressive **colonial** rule, (2) **colonial** style

The city has a rich **colonial** history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

bounty

n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

synonym: reward, premium, recompense

(1) cash **bounty**, (2) a **bounty** on exports

The **bounty** hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.

backfire

v. to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion

synonym: recoil, boomerang, misfire

(1) **backfire** big time, (2) **backfire** spectacularly

The company's decision to lay off a large number of employees **backfired** as it led to a decrease in productivity.

enterprising

adj. marked by a willingness to take on new opportunities or risks in business or other ventures; characterized by resourcefulness, initiative, and innovation

synonym: ambitious, daring, resourceful

(1) **enterprising** spirit, (2) **enterprising** idea

The **enterprising** photographer captured rare shots of wildlife in their natural habitats.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym: raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
synonym: relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice
The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air
The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

awry

adv. in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss
synonym: amiss, askew, incorrect

(1) **awry** plan, (2) **awry** hair
The plans for the surprise party went **awry** when the cake was ruined.

distance

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

synonym: space, gap, span

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

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

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. re_____nt equipment | <i>adj.</i> unnecessarily repetitive or excessive; exceeding what is necessary or essential; characterized by unnecessary repetition or duplication of efforts |
| 2. la_____us project | <i>adj.</i> requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work |
| 3. vo_____o alert level | <i>n.</i> a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust. |
| 4. a sl__k rope | <i>adj.</i> lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude |
| 5. a China-based jou_____st | <i>n.</i> a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media |
| 6. h__t after knowledge | <i>v.</i> to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit |
| 7. ma_____in order | <i>v.</i> to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true |
| 8. self-proclaimed wor_____ic | <i>n.</i> a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively |
| 9. op_____e 24 hours a day | <i>v.</i> to work in a particular way; to supervise something |

ANSWERS: 1. redundant, 2. laborious, 3. volcano, 4. slack, 5. journalist, 6. hunt, 7. maintain, 8. workaholic, 9. operate

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| 10. a me_____l opinion | <i>adj.</i> relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine |
| 11. bureaucratic ine_____ncy | <i>n.</i> the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive |
| 12. temporary me_____l treatment | <i>adj.</i> relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine |
| 13. mistaken id_____ty | <i>n.</i> the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another |
| 14. in_____on research | <i>n.</i> the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why |
| 15. her de_____te screams | <i>adj.</i> feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation |
| 16. pro_____nt theology | <i>adj.</i> a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers |
| 17. imp_____ly known disease | <i>adv.</i> in a faulty or incomplete way |
| 18. number of different sc_____ios | <i>n.</i> a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work |

ANSWERS: 10. medical, 11. inefficiency, 12. medical, 13. identity, 14. intuition, 15. desperate, 16. protestant, 17. imperfectly, 18. scenario

19. psy_____gy of crowd	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior
20. manually op_____e a machine	<i>v.</i> to work in a particular way; to supervise something
21. ine_____ncy in the system	<i>n.</i> the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive
22. ro_____ic breakup	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
23. ca_____d conversation	<i>adj.</i> honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
24. st_____le to get the job	<i>v.</i> to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
25. an__y at the time	<i>v.</i> to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
26. re_____e CO2 into the air	<i>v.</i> to set free or allow to escape from confinement
27. em_____er responsibility	<i>n.</i> a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
28. seems to be highly pro_____ic	<i>adj.</i> full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
29. reg_____ss of the difficulties	<i>adv.</i> not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
30. cash bo_____y	<i>n.</i> a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

ANSWERS: 19. psychology, 20. operate, 21. inefficiency, 22. romantic, 23. candid, 24. struggle, 25. annoy, 26. release, 27. employer, 28. problematic, 29. regardless, 30. bounty

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| 31. a st__p staircase | <i>adj.</i> having a sharp inclination or slope |
| 32. pi__h off a bud | <i>v.</i> to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance |
| 33. in_____ve judgment | <i>adj.</i> obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof |
| 34. ind_____al freedom | <i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group |
| 35. do___e blood to the Red Cross | <i>v.</i> to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization |
| 36. office sl____r | <i>n.</i> a person who is lazy or avoids work and responsibilities; someone who lacks motivation or ambition |
| 37. hard-line Pro_____nt | <i>adj.</i> a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers |
| 38. gu_____ee a high quality | <i>v.</i> to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met |
| 39. get ins_____on from nature | <i>n.</i> something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity |
| 40. co__a venom | <i>n.</i> a venomous snake found in Africa and Asia that can raise its head and spread a hood when threatened |

ANSWERS: 31. steep, 32. pinch, 33. intuitive, 34. individual, 35. donate, 36. slacker, 37. protestant, 38. guarantee, 39. inspiration, 40. cobra

41. st___e across a room	<i>v.</i> to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
42. con_____te to society	<i>v.</i> to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
43. imp_____ly developed	<i>adv.</i> in a faulty or incomplete way
44. write el_____t sentences	<i>adj.</i> pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
45. a j___n skirt	<i>n.</i> a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
46. copyrighted so_____re	<i>n.</i> a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
47. freedom of re_____on	<i>n.</i> a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
48. a heavy sc_____le	<i>n.</i> a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
49. ca___r research	<i>n.</i> abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
50. medical l_b	<i>n.</i> a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
51. illegal em_____er	<i>n.</i> a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

ANSWERS: 41. stride, 42. contribute, 43. imperfectly, 44. elegant, 45. jean, 46. software, 47. religion, 48. schedule, 49. cancer, 50. lab, 51. employer

52. cha_____ic personality	<i>adj.</i> having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
53. m__e acquaintance	<i>adj.</i> used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
54. silly p_n	<i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
55. ad_____e the technology	<i>v.</i> to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
56. su_____e beforehand	<i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
57. mo__l hazard	<i>adj.</i> concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
58. unintended con_____ces	<i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
59. electronic pa_____ck	<i>n.</i> a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
60. source of ins_____on	<i>n.</i> something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
61. pe_____se idea	<i>adj.</i> showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

ANSWERS: 52. charismatic, 53. mere, 54. pun, 55. advance, 56. suppose, 57. moral, 58. consequence, 59. paycheck, 60. inspiration, 61. perverse

62. ma_____in good health	<i>v.</i> to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
63. wor_____ic habits	<i>n.</i> a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively
64. severe ag__y	<i>n.</i> extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
65. st___e down a slope	<i>v.</i> to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
66. mo_____ze about politics	<i>v.</i> to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior
67. a bo___y on exports	<i>n.</i> a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
68. de_____te attempt	<i>adj.</i> feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
69. cloud his rep_____on	<i>n.</i> the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
70. ado_____nt girl	<i>n.</i> a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
71. cultural n__m	<i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
72. at___h a file to an e-mail	<i>v.</i> to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

ANSWERS: 62. maintain, 63. workaholic, 64. agony, 65. stride, 66. moralize, 67. bounty, 68. desperate, 69. reputation, 70. adolescent, 71. norm, 72. attach

73. ad___e kids with attitude	<i>v.</i> to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
74. au_____ed way	<i>adj.</i> carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
75. advance cap_____sm	<i>n.</i> an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
76. employment co_____ct	<i>n.</i> a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
77. re_____re market	<i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
78. bl__t force	<i>adj.</i> having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
79. small sa_____ce for a great cause	<i>n.</i> the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
80. re_____ze achievement	<i>v.</i> to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
81. under the umbrella of cap_____sm	<i>n.</i> an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

ANSWERS: 73. admire, 74. automated, 75. capitalism, 76. contract, 77. reassure, 78. blunt, 79. sacrifice, 80. recognize, 81. capitalism

82. la_____us routine	<i>adj.</i> requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work
83. pl___e military assistance	<i>v.</i> to make a formal promise to give or do something
84. boundless gen_____ty	<i>n.</i> the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
85. a bold hyp_____is	<i>n.</i> a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
86. ac_____ze your ideas	<i>v.</i> to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
87. co_____ce an opponent	<i>v.</i> to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
88. so_____al expectations	<i>adj.</i> relating to society or social relationships
89. nontechnical as___ts of the job	<i>n.</i> one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
90. su_____nd a town	<i>v.</i> to be all around something or somebody
91. financial in_____ves	<i>n.</i> something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
92. he_____ic algorithm	<i>adj.</i> relating to a trial-and-error method of problem-solving, often involving learning from one's mistakes and using feedback to improve one's approach; also used to describe a problem-solving method or approach that is practical, efficient, or intuitive

ANSWERS: 82. laborious, 83. pledge, 84. generosity, 85. hypothesis, 86. actualize, 87. convince, 88. societal, 89. aspect, 90. surround, 91. incentive, 92. heuristic

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| 93. su____n a good relationship with him | <i>v.</i> | to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid |
| 94. j__n denim | <i>n.</i> | a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing |
| 95. violent por_____hy | <i>n.</i> | materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing |
| 96. womanly ho__r | <i>n.</i> | high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone |
| 97. di__r according to species | <i>v.</i> | to be not like someone or something in some way |
| 98. br__d horses | <i>v.</i> | to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner |
| 99. env_____nt affairs | <i>n.</i> | the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 100. monthly pa_____ck | <i>n.</i> | a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check |
| 101. re_____ze talent | <i>v.</i> | to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered |

ANSWERS: 93. sustain, 94. jean, 95. pornography, 96. honor, 97. differ, 98. breed, 99. environment, 100. paycheck, 101. recognize

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| 102. ac_____ze the company's vision | <i>v.</i> to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention |
| 103. ent_____ing idea | <i>adj.</i> marked by a willingness to take on new opportunities or risks in business or other ventures; characterized by resourcefulness, initiative, and innovation |
| 104. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 105. pre-ado_____nt children | <i>n.</i> a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult |
| 106. watch a ma_____on | <i>n.</i> a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers |
| 107. a__y plan | <i>adv.</i> in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss |
| 108. an in_____ve to work hard | <i>n.</i> something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something |
| 109. jou_____st on a magazine | <i>n.</i> a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media |
| 110. try to hide a gr_____e | <i>v.</i> to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth |

ANSWERS: 102. actualize, 103. enterprising, 104. industrious, 105. adolescent, 106. marathon, 107. awry, 108. incentive, 109. journalist, 110. grimace

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| 111. sa_____ce anything to get ahead | <i>n.</i> the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important |
| 112. thoroughgoing coo_____on | <i>n.</i> the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc. |
| 113. run a ma_____on | <i>n.</i> a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers |
| 114. creative in_____on | <i>n.</i> the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why |
| 115. a co_____nt remark | <i>adj.</i> feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future |
| 116. k__n interest | <i>adj.</i> having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest |
| 117. de_____on authority | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options |
| 118. ac_____e milestones | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 119. sense of mo_____ty | <i>n.</i> principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior |

ANSWERS: 111. sacrifice, 112. cooperation, 113. marathon, 114. intuition, 115. confident, 116. keen, 117. decision, 118. achieve, 119. morality

120. do a mea_____ss task	<i>adj.</i> having no meaning, direction, or purpose
121. have gr_____ue design	<i>adj.</i> bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
122. ci_____t breaker	<i>n.</i> (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
123. r__l a ball	<i>v.</i> to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
124. a private ind_____al	<i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
125. chaotic env_____nt	<i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
126. go from ch__p to champ	<i>n.</i> a foolish or easily deceived person; a clumsy or stupid person
127. witty p_n	<i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
128. coo_____on with strategic partners	<i>n.</i> the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
129. driving di_____ce	<i>n.</i> the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 120. meaningless, 121. grotesque, 122. circuit, 123. roll, 124. individual, 125. environment, 126. chump, 127. pun, 128. cooperation, 129. distance

130. the evo_____ary process	<i>adj.</i> relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
131. office one_____hip	<i>n.</i> the practice of gaining an advantage or showing superiority over others, often through competitive or aggressive behavior
132. au_____ed manual transmission	<i>adj.</i> carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
133. h__t a job	<i>v.</i> to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
134. arrange my sc_____le	<i>n.</i> a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
135. l_b instrument	<i>n.</i> a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
136. the worst case sc_____io	<i>n.</i> a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
137. psy_____gy experiment	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior
138. gr_____e in pain	<i>v.</i> to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth
139. ho___e down the street	<i>v.</i> to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement

ANSWERS: 130. evolutionary, 131. one-upmanship, 132. automated, 133. hunt, 134. schedule, 135. lab, 136. scenario, 137. psychology, 138. grimace, 139. hobble

140. el____t design	<i>adj.</i> pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
141. bl__t criticism	<i>adj.</i> having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
142. a qu__k of fate	<i>n.</i> a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
143. ba____re spectacularly	<i>v.</i> to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion
144. so____al norms	<i>adj.</i> relating to society or social relationships
145. ca____r diagnosis	<i>n.</i> abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
146. st____th of the economy	<i>n.</i> the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
147. ent____ing spirit	<i>adj.</i> marked by a willingness to take on new opportunities or risks in business or other ventures; characterized by resourcefulness, initiative, and innovation
148. un____on talents	<i>adj.</i> not occurring or seen very often; rare
149. de__y the new project	<i>v.</i> to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

ANSWERS: 140. elegant, 141. blunt, 142. quirk, 143. backfire, 144. societal, 145. cancer, 146. strength, 147. enterprising, 148. uncommon, 149. delay

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| 150. co_____nt personnel | <i>adj.</i> having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully |
| 151. pl___e my fidelity | <i>v.</i> to make a formal promise to give or do something |
| 152. ant_____ogy of religion | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species |
| 153. muscular st____th | <i>n.</i> the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong |
| 154. le_____e activity | <i>n.</i> the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities |
| 155. a mea_____ss endeavor | <i>adj.</i> having no meaning, direction, or purpose |
| 156. social one_____hip | <i>n.</i> the practice of gaining an advantage or showing superiority over others, often through competitive or aggressive behavior |
| 157. r__l down his cheeks | <i>v.</i> to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side |
| 158. re_____on sociology | <i>n.</i> a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny |
| 159. ho___e due to injury | <i>v.</i> to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement |
| 160. acquire a vi___e | <i>n.</i> high moral standards in behavior or attitudes |

ANSWERS: 150. competent, 151. pledge, 152. anthropology, 153. strength, 154. leisure, 155. meaningless, 156. one-upmanship, 157. roll, 158. religion, 159. hobble, 160. virtue

161. ind_____us worker	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
162. par_____te fully in conversation	<i>v.</i> to take part in something
163. co_____ed situation	<i>adj.</i> created or arranged in an artificial, forced, or deliberate way; not natural or spontaneous
164. moral et__c	<i>n.</i> a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
165. cannot log in to the a_p	<i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
166. rep_____on risk	<i>n.</i> the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
167. ac_____e success	<i>v.</i> 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
168. ro_____ic movies	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
169. de__m shorts	<i>n.</i> a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing
170. as___ts of social, political, and economic life	<i>n.</i> one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

ANSWERS: 161. industrious, 162. participate, 163. contrived, 164. ethic, 165. app, 166. reputation, 167. achieve, 168. romantic, 169. denim, 170. aspect

171. ba____re big time	<i>v.</i> to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion
172. a person of le____e	<i>n.</i> the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities
173. sl__k performance	<i>adj.</i> lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude
174. unlucky ch__p	<i>n.</i> a foolish or easily deceived person; a clumsy or stupid person
175. pe____se attitude	<i>adj.</i> showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
176. ecology and evo____ary biology	<i>adj.</i> relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
177. gov____nt funding	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
178. a selfish de____on	<i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
179. do___e to charity	<i>v.</i> to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
180. a stone wall su____nds the palace	<i>v.</i> to be all around something or somebody
181. calendar wi____t	<i>n.</i> a small device or component of a larger system or software that performs a specific function or provides information or control, often displayed on a computer screen or mobile device

ANSWERS: 171. backfire, 172. leisure, 173. slack, 174. chump, 175. perverse, 176. evolutionary, 177. government, 178. decision, 179. donate, 180. surround, 181. widget

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| 182. social media wi___t | <i>n.</i> a small device or component of a larger system or software that performs a specific function or provides information or control, often displayed on a computer screen or mobile device |
| 183. a pro_____ic situation | <i>adj.</i> full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve |
| 184. security ba__e | <i>n.</i> a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations |
| 185. co_____nt authority | <i>adj.</i> having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully |
| 186. in_____ed habit | <i>adj.</i> deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time |
| 187. honor gr_____te | <i>n.</i> a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree |
| 188. a br__d mind | <i>adj.</i> very wide; general |
| 189. manual la__r | <i>n.</i> productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal |
| 190. apo_____al account | <i>adj.</i> of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true |

ANSWERS: 182. widget, 183. problematic, 184. badge, 185. competent, 186. ingrained, 187. graduate, 188. broad, 189. labor, 190. apocryphal

191. look like a no-_____er	<i>n.</i> a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do
192. b__s against a big company	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
193. have a b__s toward socialism	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
194. vi___e of frugality	<i>n.</i> high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
195. attract br__d attention	<i>adj.</i> very wide; general
196. a blazing ar_____nt	<i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
197. st_____rn stains	<i>adj.</i> refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
198. re_____re anxious patients	<i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
199. oppressive co_____al rule	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
200. co_____ct law	<i>n.</i> a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

ANSWERS: 191. no-brainer, 192. bias, 193. bias, 194. virtue, 195. broad, 196. argument, 197. stubborn, 198. reassure, 199. colonial, 200. contract

201. re_____e a prisoner	<i>v.</i> to set free or allow to escape from confinement
202. id_____ty as an individual	<i>n.</i> the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
203. st_____rn attitude	<i>adj.</i> refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
204. unproductive sl_____r	<i>n.</i> a person who is lazy or avoids work and responsibilities; someone who lacks motivation or ambition
205. ba__e holder	<i>n.</i> a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations
206. in_____ve eating	<i>adj.</i> obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
207. act of gen_____ty	<i>n.</i> the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
208. business mo_____ty	<i>n.</i> principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
209. sl__k black dress	<i>adj.</i> smooth and glossy in appearance or texture; streamlined and elegant in design or form; characterized by a polished or refined style or appearance
210. n__m of action	<i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

ANSWERS: 201. release, 202. identity, 203. stubborn, 204. slacker, 205. badge, 206. intuitive, 207. generosity, 208. morality, 209. sleek, 210. norm

211. re_____nt worker *adj.* unnecessarily repetitive or excessive; exceeding what is necessary or essential; characterized by unnecessary repetition or duplication of efforts
212. pi__h my nose *v.* to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance
213. financial sc___e *n.* a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
214. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
215. ov_____n an area *v.* to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone
216. a__y hair *adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss
217. pa_____y to understanding *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
218. cellular signaling pa_____ys *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
219. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 211. redundant, 212. pinch, 213. scribe, 214. struggle, 215. overrun, 216. awry, 217. pathway, 218. pathway, 219. appreciate

220. he_____ic reasoning	<i>adj.</i> relating to a trial-and-error method of problem-solving, often involving learning from one's mistakes and using feedback to improve one's approach; also used to describe a problem-solving method or approach that is practical, efficient, or intuitive
221. po_____ss argument	<i>adj.</i> having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
222. de__m jacket	<i>n.</i> a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing
223. br__d suspicion	<i>v.</i> to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
224. col_____te with the police	<i>v.</i> to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
225. k__n observation	<i>adj.</i> having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
226. co_____ce her to go with us	<i>v.</i> to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
227. no-_____er product	<i>n.</i> a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do
228. apo_____al text	<i>adj.</i> of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true
229. di___r from the majority	<i>v.</i> to be not like someone or something in some way
230. po_____ss task	<i>adj.</i> having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

ANSWERS: 220. heuristic, 221. pointless, 222. denim, 223. breed, 224. collaborate, 225. keen, 226. convince, 227. no-brainer, 228. apocryphal, 229. differ, 230. pointless

231. co____al style	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
232. test my hyp_____is	<i>n.</i> a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
233. gov_____nt bureaucracy	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
234. mo__l burden	<i>adj.</i> concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
235. sc___e in ancient Egypt	<i>n.</i> a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times
236. seasonal la__r	<i>n.</i> productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
237. social di_____ce	<i>n.</i> the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
238. gu_____ee women equality	<i>v.</i> to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
239. gr_____ue appearance	<i>adj.</i> bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

ANSWERS: 231. colonial, 232. hypothesis, 233. government, 234. moral, 235. scribe, 236. labor, 237. distance, 238. guarantee, 239. grotesque

240. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
241. active vo_____o *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
242. un_____on occurrence *adj.* not occurring or seen very often; rare
243. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
244. 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
245. sl__k car *adj.* smooth and glossy in appearance or texture; streamlined and elegant in design or form; characterized by a polished or refined style or appearance
246. at___h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
247. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
248. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

ANSWERS: 240. anthropology, 241. volcano, 242. uncommon, 243. mere, 244. app, 245. sleek, 246. attach, 247. consequence, 248. abandon

249. su_____e you're right	<i>v.</i>	to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
250. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund	<i>v.</i>	to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
251. federal ci_____t courts	<i>n.</i>	(in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
252. for the s___e of argument	<i>n.</i>	purpose; reason for wanting something done
253. por_____hy addiction	<i>n.</i>	materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
254. in my ca___d opinion	<i>adj.</i>	honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
255. app_____te the value	<i>v.</i>	to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
256. an___y everyone else	<i>v.</i>	to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
257. reg_____ss tread	<i>adv.</i>	not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
258. ad_____e a cooperative relationship	<i>v.</i>	to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
259. col_____te on a press release	<i>v.</i>	to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

ANSWERS: 249. suppose, 250. contribute, 251. circuit, 252. sake, 253. pornography, 254. candid, 255. appreciate, 256. annoy, 257. regardless, 258. advance, 259. collaborate

260. su____n a wellness lifestyle	<i>v.</i> to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
261. emotional ag__y	<i>n.</i> extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
262. for your own s__e	<i>n.</i> purpose; reason for wanting something done
263. acc_____sh a goal	<i>v.</i> to finish or achieve something successfully
264. cha_____ic chairman	<i>adj.</i> having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
265. re___t temptation	<i>v.</i> to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
266. personality qu__k	<i>n.</i> a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
267. re___t being kissed	<i>v.</i> to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
268. par_____te in the program	<i>v.</i> to take part in something
269. gr_____te degree program	<i>n.</i> a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
270. feel co_____nt	<i>adj.</i> feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
271. the ar_____nt against capital punishment	<i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 260. sustain, 261. agony, 262. sake, 263. accomplish, 264. charismatic, 265. resist, 266. quirk, 267. resist, 268. participate, 269. graduate, 270. confident, 271. argument

272. co__a bite	<i>n.</i> a venomous snake found in Africa and Asia that can raise its head and spread a hood when threatened
273. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions	<i>v.</i> to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
274. ab____n a friend	<i>v.</i> to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
275. st__p discount	<i>adj.</i> having a sharp inclination or slope
276. acc_____sh military operations	<i>v.</i> to finish or achieve something successfully
277. garden ov____n with weeds	<i>v.</i> to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers; (noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone
278. ho__r our ancestors	<i>n.</i> high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
279. so____re architect	<i>n.</i> a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
280. professional et__c	<i>n.</i> a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

ANSWERS: 272. cobra, 273. admire, 274. abandon, 275. steep, 276. accomplish, 277. overrun, 278. honor, 279. software, 280. ethic

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| 281. in_____ed prejudice | <i>adj.</i> deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time |
| 282. de__y a flight three hours | <i>v.</i> to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected |
| 283. mo_____ze a situation | <i>v.</i> to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior |
| 284. co_____ed laughter | <i>adj.</i> created or arranged in an artificial, forced, or deliberate way; not natural or spontaneous |

ANSWERS: 281. ingrained, 282. delay, 283. moralize, 284. contrived

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
2. Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving _____ situations within a community.
adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
3. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
4. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
5. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
6. The _____ photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.
adj. honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. struggle, 2. problematic, 3. labor, 4. graduate, 5. maintain, 6. candid, 7. achieve

8. _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

9. She had to _____ with crutches after breaking her ankle.

v. to walk with difficulty, often due to injury or disability; to hamper or impede someone's progress or movement

10. The report contained _____ information that could have been eliminated.

adj. unnecessarily repetitive or excessive; exceeding what is necessary or essential; characterized by unnecessary repetition or duplication of efforts

11. I like to spend my _____ time playing sports or reading on weekends.

n. the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities

12. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

13. The first question in the test was a complete _____.

n. a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do

14. The _____ photographer captured rare shots of wildlife in their natural habitats.

adj. marked by a willingness to take on new opportunities or risks in business or other ventures; characterized by resourcefulness, initiative, and innovation

15. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

ANSWERS: 8. Evolutionary, 9. hobble, 10. redundant, 11. leisure, 12. surround, 13. no-brainer, 14. enterprising, 15. moral

16. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
17. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.
v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something
18. She had many good _____ and few faults.
n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
19. The _____ church was the dominant religion in the area.
adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
20. The story of George Washington and the cherry tree is likely _____ but still taught in schools.
adj. of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true
21. 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
22. The island was formed by a _____ millions of years ago.
n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
23. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something

ANSWERS: 16. norms, 17. operate, 18. virtues, 19. Protestant, 20. apocryphal, 21. scenarios, 22. volcano, 23. participated

24. The invading army quickly may _____ the small country and took control of its capital city.
- v.* to invade or occupy a place or territory by force, especially in large numbers;
(noun) the act of taking control or overwhelming something or someone
25. She successfully completed her first _____ with a personal best time.
- n.* a long-distance race of 42.195 kilometers
26. The city has a rich _____ history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.
- adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
27. The company's _____ in handling customer requests led to many complaints.
- n.* the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive
28. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
- n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
29. So far, the meeting is going according to _____.
- n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
30. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
- n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

ANSWERS: 24. overrun, 25. marathon, 26. colonial, 27. inefficiency, 28. distance, 29. schedule, 30. strength

31. The business partners engaged in _____ each trying to make a bigger profit than the other.
- n.* the practice of gaining an advantage or showing superiority over others, often through competitive or aggressive behavior
32. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
- n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
33. We _____ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.
- v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
34. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.
- n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
35. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.
- v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
36. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
- n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
37. The storyline of the movie seemed _____ and needed more authenticity.
- adj.* created or arranged in an artificial, forced, or deliberate way; not natural or spontaneous

ANSWERS: 31. one-upmanship, 32. intuitions, 33. delayed, 34. jeans, 35. guarantee, 36. software, 37. contrived

38. She wore an _____ evening gown to the gala.

adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

39. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

40. He _____ money from the cashbox without telling the company's employees.

v. to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance

41. The king _____ slithered silently across the ground.

n. a venomous snake found in Africa and Asia that can raise its head and spread a hood when threatened

42. I claim on my _____ that it is true.

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

43. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

44. She researched gender _____ in politics.

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

45. This experiment's results are _____ because the other conditions are not identical.

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

ANSWERS: 38. elegant, 39. environment, 40. pinched, 41. cobra, 42. honor, 43. hunt, 44. bias, 45. meaningless

46. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
47. It was _____ for the store to have such a big sale.
adj. not occurring or seen very often; rare
48. It was his first _____ love.
adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
49. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.
adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
50. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
51. She _____ confidently across the stage to accept her award.
v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
52. 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
53. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.
n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

ANSWERS: 46. advance, 47. uncommon, 48. romantic, 49. desperate, 50. pun, 51. strides, 52. app's, 53. cancer

54. He's not known for being intelligent, and some consider him a _____.
n. a foolish or easily deceived person; a clumsy or stupid person
55. The _____ pressure to conform is strong in this community.
adj. relating to society or social relationships
56. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
57. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
58. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.
v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
59. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
60. One of her _____ is that she always wears mismatched socks.
n. a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
61. Having a strong work _____ is important for success in any field.
n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

ANSWERS: 54. chump, 55. societal, 56. lab, 57. anthropology, 58. convince, 59. collaborate, 60. quirks, 61. ethic

62. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
63. The company's decision to lay off a large number of employees _____ as it led to a decrease in productivity.
v. to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion
64. The company's founder was a notorious _____ who spent every waking hour building the business.
n. a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively
65. I'm not _____ in our victory.
adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
66. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
67. She struggled to _____ the children's reading habits.
v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
68. The car's _____ aerodynamic design made it look fast even when standing still.
adj. smooth and glossy in appearance or texture; streamlined and elegant in design or form; characterized by a polished or refined style or appearance
69. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.
v. to finish or achieve something successfully

ANSWERS: 62. reputation, 63. backfired, 64. workaholic, 65. confident, 66. consequences, 67. sustain, 68. sleek, 69. accomplish

70. She found fault with the _____ of politicians.

n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior

71. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

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

72. You can easily add a _____ to your blog by following these steps

n. a small device or component of a larger system or software that performs a specific function or provides information or control, often displayed on a computer screen or mobile device

73. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

74. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

75. I couldn't help but _____ when I tasted the sour milk in my cereal.

v. to make a facial expression that shows pain, disgust, or discomfort; (noun) a facial expression that shows pain or disgust, marked by wrinkling of the forehead, tightness of the face, and twisting of the mouth

76. The castle was _____ several years later.

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

77. The team's _____ attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.

adj. lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

ANSWERS: 70. morality, 71. identity, 72. widget, 73. broad, 74. medical, 75. grimace, 76. abandoned, 77. slack

78. The police officer flashed his _____ to prove his identity.

- n.* a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

79. An _____ attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.

- n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

80. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

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

81. The _____ hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.

- n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

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

- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

83. The two products _____ in their quality and price.

- v.* to be not like someone or something in some way

84. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

- adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

85. We would _____ an early reply.

- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 78. badge, 79. employer's, 80. suppose, 81. bounty, 82. psychology, 83. differed, 84. charismatic, 85. appreciate

86. The meeting was considered _____ since nothing was accomplished.

adj. having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

87. The _____ cliff made it difficult to climb.

adj. having a sharp inclination or slope

88. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

89. He was _____ to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.

adj. having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest

90. Timely education about birth control might help reduce _____ pregnancies.

n. a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

91. I need to _____ my plan to make it a reality.

v. to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention

92. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

93. The boss was frustrated with the _____ employees who needed to catch up on their work.

n. a person who is lazy or avoids work and responsibilities; someone who lacks motivation or ambition

ANSWERS: 86. pointless, 87. steep, 88. rolled, 89. keen, 90. adolescent, 91. actualize, 92. generosity, 93. slacker

94. The construction workers had a _____ job of carrying heavy equipment up several flights of stairs.

adj. requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work

95. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

96. When the first molecule in the _____ receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

97. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

98. The _____ knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

99. He was so _____ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

100. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

ANSWERS: 94. laborious, 95. inspiration, 96. pathway, 97. resist, 98. blunt, 99. stubborn, 100. Capitalism

101. The judge ruled that the defendant was _____ to stand trial.

adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

102. The athlete fell to the ground in _____ after injuring their ankle.

n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

103. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

104. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

105. The _____ skills were in high demand in medieval times, when many people were illiterate.

n. a person who writes out copies of documents or manuscripts, especially in ancient times

106. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

107. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

108. The _____ sculpture made me feel uneasy.

adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

ANSWERS: 101. competent, 102. agony, 103. regardless, 104. breeds, 105. scribe's, 106. contract, 107. argument, 108. grotesque

109. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

110. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

111. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

112. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

113. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

114. He lost the election by _____ votes.

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

115. I don't like it when people try to _____ me about my personal choices.

v. to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior

116. The plant will continue operating through an _____ system 24 hours a day.

adj. carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

ANSWERS: 109. aspects, 110. government, 111. contribute, 112. journalists, 113. hypothesis, 114. mere, 115. moralize, 116. automated

117. The teacher used a _____ method to teach the complex topic in a simple way.

adj. relating to a trial-and-error method of problem-solving, often involving learning from one's mistakes and using feedback to improve one's approach; also used to describe a problem-solving method or approach that is practical, efficient, or intuitive

118. She loved the feel of her new _____ jeans against her skin.

n. a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing

119. I received a bonus on top of my regular _____ this month.

n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

120. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

121. Her fear of dogs was _____ after a traumatic experience in childhood.

adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

122. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

123. He created an _____ shaped torso.

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

124. The plans for the surprise party went _____ when the cake was ruined.

adv. in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss

ANSWERS: 117. heuristic, 118. denim, 119. paycheck, 120. admire, 121. ingrained, 122. release, 123. imperfectly, 124. awry

125. His _____ sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

126. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

127. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

128. At this ceremony, We will _____ allegiance to the country's flag.

v. to make a formal promise to give or do something

129. The _____ between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

130. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

131. Our company _____ to the school endowment fund every year.

v. to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization

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

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

ANSWERS: 125. perverse, 126. sacrifice, 127. annoy, 128. pledge, 129. cooperation, 130. attach, 131. donates, 132. individual,

133. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

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

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

135. I had an _____ feeling that I might be pregnant.

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

136. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

137. An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring _____.

n. (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area

138. He got a new job for the _____ of his family.

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

139. The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of _____ easier than ever before.

n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

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

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

ANSWERS: 133. religion, 134. industrious, 135. intuitive, 136. reassure, 137. circuit, 138. sake, 139. pornography, 140. decision

141. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

142. They have no _____ to win the game.

- n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

ANSWERS: 141. recognize, 142. incentive