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Session 1: Word List

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

traffic

- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

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.

identify

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

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

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

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

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

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.

botanical

adj. relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants

synonym: botanic, plant-based, herbal

(1) **botanical** extract, (2) **botanical** illustrations

The **botanical** gardens were filled with exotic plants from all around the world.

watercolor

n. a painting method in which pigments are mixed with water and a binder and then applied to paper or another support

synonym: painting, wash, aquarelle

(1) framed **watercolor**, (2) **watercolor** landscape

The **watercolor** painting had a soft, dreamy quality to it.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym : aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling

My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

appealing

adj. attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

synonym : attractive, alluring, captivating

(1) **appealing** design, (2) an **appealing** offer

The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very **appealing** to readers

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym : strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym : occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

outdated

adj. no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

synonym : obsolete, ancient, bygone

(1) become **outdated**, (2) **outdated** technology

We replaced **outdated** equipment to improve factory productivity.

naturalism

n. a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

(1) **naturalism** in literature, (2) philosophical **naturalism**

The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of **naturalism**, as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.

conservation

n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

synonym : preservation, protection, saving

(1) soil **conservation**, (2) the **conservation** law of physics

The forest was recently designated a **conservation** area.

foundation

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

synonym : base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

rainforest

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

giant

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

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

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

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

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym: circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

greenery

n. plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation

synonym: vegetation, plants, foliage

(1) the **greenery** in a courtyard, (2) **greenery** environment

The city plans to add more **greenery** in public spaces to improve air quality and aesthetic.

dense

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

synonym: heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym: separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

buttress

n. an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something

synonym: support, prop, reinforcement

(1) reinforce with a **buttress**, (2) **buttress** your thesis

Massive **buttresses** supported the ancient castle.

crown

n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

synonym: tiara, headdress, royalty

(1) the imperial **crown**, (2) the **crown** and throne

The bishop bestowed the golden **crown** on the king.

canopy

n. a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

synonym: cover, top, shade

(1) **canopy** layer, (2) under a **canopy** of smoke

The forest's **canopy** provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym: helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

jungle

n. an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

synonym : wilderness, forest

(1) middle of the **jungle**, (2) **jungle** exploration

This village is still in a dense **jungle**.

entirety

n. the state of being complete or whole; the total extent or scope of something

synonym : totality, completeness, wholeness

(1) the **entirety** of the situation, (2) the **entirety** of the book

They refused to accept the proposal in its **entirety**, demanding revisions.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym : figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

morph

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

synonym : alter, modify, transform

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

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

undifferentiated

adj. having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions

synonym : uniform, identical, alike

(1) **undifferentiated** cells, (2) **undifferentiated** market

The infant makes **undifferentiated** reflex responses to stimuli.

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.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

scenery

n. the natural features of a landscape or environment, viewed particularly in terms of their aesthetic appeal; the visual elements that constitute a play's backdrop or setting

synonym : landscape, view, panorama

(1) **scenery** painting, (2) mountain **scenery**

The beautiful **scenery** along the coast took our breath away.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

immobility

n. the state of being unable to move; the quality of being unable to be moved or changed easily

synonym : inactivity, stillness, paralysis

(1) emotional **immobility**, (2) the **immobility** of a rock

The airplane crash resulted in the **immobility** of several passengers due to their injuries.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

ingenious

adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

synonym : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea

I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

threat

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

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

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

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

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

timescale

n. a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process

synonym: time frame, schedule, duration

(1) long- **timescale**, (2) realistic **timescale**

The **timescale** for completing the construction project is three years.

showcase

n. a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it

synonym: exhibit, display, presentation

(1) museum **showcase**, (2) **showcase** of innovation

The museum's new exhibition is a **showcase** of contemporary art.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym: allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

flora

n. all the plants in a particular region or time, typically regarded as a whole

synonym: vegetation, plants, greenery

(1) bowel **flora**, (2) aquatic **flora**

The Amazon rainforest is home to a diverse **flora** of plant species.

enterprise

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

synonym: business, company, industry

(1) undertake an **enterprise**, (2) his business **enterprise**

A growing **enterprise** requires a bold leader.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

consequently

adv. as a result or outcome of something

synonym: hence, accordingly, thus

(1) **consequently** unable to start her studies,

(2) **consequently** affect the organs

Consequently, the company had to lay off some of its employees.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

adventure

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym: experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

excitement

n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

synonym: thrill, exhilaration, incitement

(1) the **excitement** in the business world, (2) aesthetic **excitement**

The **excitement** of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

sunflower

n. a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes

synonym: helianthus

(1) **sunflower** oil, (2) **sunflower** field

The **sunflower** seeds can be roasted and eaten as a snack.

botany

n. the scientific study of plants

synonym: phytology, vegetation, horticulture

(1) **botany** professor, (2) geographical **botany**

The study of **botany** can also include the study of plant fossils and the history of plant evolution.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular

culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

wacky

adj. funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way

synonym : absurd, eccentric, ludicrous

(1) **wacky** value, (2) **wacky** plan for selling more books

His friend was a pretty wild and **wacky** character.

biodiversity

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

(1) **biodiversity** conservation, (2) loss of **biodiversity**

The country was instrumental in promoting the **biodiversity** treaty.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

jewel

n. a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry

synonym : gem, precious stone, treasure

(1) **jewel** of the crown, (2) gleaming **jewel**

She treasured the small **jewel** that her grandmother had given her.

sundew

n. a small carnivorous plant that captures and digests insects using sticky hairs on its leaves

synonym : carnivorous plant, drosera

(1) **sundew** leaf, (2) small **sundew**

The **sundew** plant is known for its unique ability to trap insects.

nutrient

n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

synonym : food, vitamin

(1) **nutrient** medicine, (2) a **nutrient** for hair

They used fast-acting **nutrients** on the flowers in the flower beds.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym : earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

supplement

n. something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it

synonym : complement, addendum, accessory

(1) wage **supplement**, (2) use of dietary **supplements**

Certain **supplements** may promote tumor growth.

diet

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

synonym : food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval

A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.

lure

v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something

synonym: tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym: catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

ingest

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

synonym: swallow, consume, devour

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

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

insect

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

(1) **insect** antenna, (2) **insect** biology

These **insects** are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

mucilage

n. a type of viscous, gel-like substance produced by some plants, often used for medicinal or culinary purposes

synonym: gel, slime, goo

(1) slime **mucilage**, (2) **mucilage** composition

The **mucilage** in aloe vera gel can help soothe sunburned skin.

gland

n. a group of cells in an animal's body that produce substances needed by the body and release them through ducts or directly into the bloodstream

synonym : secretor

(1) the function of the thyroid **gland**, (2) a mammary **gland**
The adrenal **glands** produce steroids.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym : lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

ensnare

v. to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally

synonym : entangle, trap, ensnarl

(1) **ensnare** victims, (2) **ensnare** a suspect

The spider used its web to **ensnare** its prey.

cleverly

adv. in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability

synonym : smartly, shrewdly, wittily

(1) **cleverly** devised trap, (2) guess **cleverly**

The dog jumped **cleverly** to one side.

stem

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

synonym : branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick

A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym : slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

pollinator

n. an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds

synonym: fertilizer, pollenizer, pollen carrier

(1) **pollinator** species, (2) beneficial **pollinator**

Bees are important **pollinators** for many crops and plants.

strangle

v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

synonym: choke, suffocate, throttle

(1) **strangle** a cry, (2) **strangle** economic growth

The killer used his hands to **strangle** his victim.

fig

n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

(1) **fig** marigold, (2) **fig** tree

He ate the dried **figs** he had preserved.

sunlight

n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun

synonym: daylight, rays, sunshine

(1) a glare of **sunlight**, (2) in direct **sunlight**

Radiation from **sunlight** has a different wavelength.

scant

adj. barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount

synonym: minimal, scanty, sparse

(1) **scant** resources, (2) **scant** century

There was a **scant** amount of food left in the fridge.

competition

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

synonym: contest, match, fight

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

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

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

strategy

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

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym : dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

atop

adv. on, to, or at the top

synonym : upon, onto

(1) stand **atop**, (2) sit **atop** a stack of books

The eagle perched **atop** the tallest tree in the forest.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

germinate

v. to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts

synonym : sprout, grow, develop

(1) days to **germinate**, (2) **germinate** the idea

The seeds **germinated** quickly in the warm soil.

upward

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

synonym : skyward, uphill

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

The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

persist

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

synonym : endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

hollow

adj. having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface

synonym : cavity, depression, concavity

(1) have **hollow** legs, (2) **hollow** sound

The tree had a **hollow** trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.

column

n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

synonym : line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water

The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of

facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

blossom

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

synonym : flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

unison

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

synonym : harmony, accord, unanimity

(1) singing in **unison**, (2) clap the hands in **unison**

They saluted in **unison** to the captain.

hillside

n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

synonym : slope, incline

(1) **hillside** landscape, (2) **hillside** vineyard

The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the **hillside**.

pollination

n. the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organs of one flower to the female reproductive organs of another flower, resulting in fertilization and the production of seeds

synonym : flowering, fertilization, cross-fertilization

(1) **pollination** by insect, (2) the cross- **pollination** of the arts

The **pollination** process is crucial for the growth and reproduction of many plants.

gregarious

adj. fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities

synonym: sociable, outgoing, friendly

(1) **gregarious** animals, (2) **gregarious** nature

She was a **gregarious** person, always making friends with everyone she met.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

synonym: breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth

The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

feast

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

synonym: banquet, celebration, dinner

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

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

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one

another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

glorious

adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor;
having great beauty and splendor

synonym : exquisite, magnificent, majestic

(1) a **glorious** victory, (2) photo in **glorious** color

I choose a **glorious** death rather than a shameful life.

blind

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

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

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

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

registration

n. the process of recording or enrolling for a particular
course or event; the action or process of officially
recording or enrolling something, such as a name or
trademark

synonym : enrollment, registry, record-keeping

(1) **registration** agency, (2) **registration** for a course

The online **registration** process was quick and easy to
complete.

contend

v. to struggle to win or surmount something

synonym : compete, oppose, argue

(1) **contend** that tobacco is nonaddictive, (2) **contend** for a
championship

Tobacco companies have long **contended** that their product
is not addictive.

cue

n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or
direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder
or prompt for someone to do something

synonym : signal, sign, hint

(1) **cue** card, (2) visual **cue**

The director gave the actor a **cue** to begin the scene.

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym : sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

onslaught

n. a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

synonym : attack, assault, charge

(1) **onslaught** of criticism, (2) urban **onslaught**

The village was unprepared for the sudden **onslaught** of the enemy army.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym : strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

extraneous

adj. irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something

synonym : irrelevant, unnecessary, unrelated

(1) **extraneous** variables, (2) **extraneous** details

The **extraneous** information in the report made it difficult to

understand the main points.

backdrop

n. a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance

synonym: background, setting, context

(1) **backdrop** of poverty, (2) perfect **backdrop**

The lush green forest provided a picturesque **backdrop** for the photo shoot.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

conservationist

n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

synonym: environmentalist

(1) wildlife **conservationist**, (2) dedicated **conservationist**

The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for **conservationists**.

illustration

n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

synonym: picture, diagram, explanation

(1) educational **illustration**, (2) **illustration** artist

The **illustration** in the book helped me understand the concept better.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

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

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

harvest

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym: crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

synonym: fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym: acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym: push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym: empire, realm, land

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

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

plain

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

synonym : basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym : vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

Session 2: Spelling

1. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
2. the en_____ty of the book *n.* the state of being complete or whole; the total extent or scope of something
3. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
4. a scanty ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
5. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
6. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
7. s__ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
8. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
9. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
10. sh_____se of innovation *n.* a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it
11. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 1. intense, 2. entirety, 3. diet, 4. harvest, 5. opportune, 6. strategy, 7. soil, 8. emotional, 9. aim, 10. showcase, 11. decide

12. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
13. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
14. ext_____us details *adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something
15. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
16. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
17. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
18. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
19. undertake an ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

ANSWERS: 12. grand, 13. intense, 14. extraneous, 15. urge, 16. branch, 17. rainforest, 18. process, 19. enterprise

20. rapt in fas_____on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
21. a co___n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
22. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
23. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
24. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
25. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
26. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
27. ou_____ed technology *adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

ANSWERS: 20. fascination, 21. column, 22. profession, 23. threat, 24. interact, 25. competition, 26. puzzle, 27. outdated

28. reg_____ion agency *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
29. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
30. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
31. st_____le a cry *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
32. gas fi____r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
33. nu_____nt medicine *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
34. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
35. wa__y value *adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way
36. reg_____ion for a course *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

ANSWERS: 28. registration, 29. frame, 30. visual, 31. strangle, 32. filter, 33. nutrient, 34. competition, 35. wacky, 36. registration

37. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
38. sc__t resources *adj.* barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount
39. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
40. sc__t century *adj.* barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount
41. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
42. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
43. und_____ted cells *adj.* having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions
44. reinforce with a bu_____ss *n.* an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something
45. the cross-pol_____on of the arts *n.* the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organs of one flower to the female reproductive organs of another flower, resulting in fertilization and the production of seeds
46. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 37. fantastic, 38. scant, 39. trap, 40. scant, 41. adapt, 42. prioritize, 43. undifferentiated, 44. buttress, 45. pollination, 46. nation

47. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
48. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
49. de__e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
50. a fence sur_____ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
51. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
52. philosophical nat_____sm *n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
53. un___d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
54. guess cl_____ly *adv.* in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability
55. the imperial cr__n *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
56. fe_____al attendee *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

ANSWERS: 47. prioritize, 48. murder, 49. dense, 50. surrounding, 51. fascinating, 52. naturalism, 53. unfold, 54. cleverly, 55. crown, 56. festival

57. achieve spe_____ar growth *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
58. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
59. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
60. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
61. di_____se false information *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
62. gre_____us animals *adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities
63. bl_____m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
64. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
65. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
66. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 57. spectacular, 58. traffic, 59. accurate, 60. profession, 61. disperse, 62. gregarious, 63. blossom, 64. urban, 65. associate, 66. invest

67. fou_____on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
68. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
69. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
70. gastronomic ad_____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
71. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
72. wage sup_____nt *n.* something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it
73. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
74. middle of the ju_____e *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
75. delta pl__n *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
76. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

ANSWERS: 67. foundation, 68. aim, 69. isolate, 70. adventure, 71. isolate, 72. supplement, 73. sustainable, 74. jungle, 75. plain, 76. diet

77. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
78. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
79. nat_____sm in literature *n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
80. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
81. slime mu_____ge *n.* a type of viscous, gel-like substance produced by some plants, often used for medicinal or culinary purposes
82. st_____le economic growth *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
83. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
84. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
85. s__m from a belief *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

ANSWERS: 77. giant, 78. ecosystem, 79. naturalism, 80. capture, 81. mucilage, 82. strangle, 83. urban, 84. assume, 85. stem

86. ho___w sound *adj.* having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
87. sc____y painting *n.* the natural features of a landscape or environment, viewed particularly in terms of their aesthetic appeal; the visual elements that constitute a play's backdrop or setting
88. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
89. the s__m of a matchstick *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
90. f_g tree *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
91. in___t antenna *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
92. the function of the thyroid gl__d *n.* a group of cells in an animal's body that produce substances needed by the body and release them through ducts or directly into the bloodstream
93. days to ge_____te *v.* to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
94. on_____ht of criticism *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

ANSWERS: 86. hollow, 87. scenery, 88. background, 89. stem, 90. fig, 91. insect, 92. gland, 93. germinate, 94. onslaught

95. ju___e exploration *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
96. the fr___e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
97. bio_____ity conservation *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
98. the exc_____nt in the business world *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
99. weak fou_____on *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
100. pe_____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
101. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
102. in___t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
103. ca___y layer *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
104. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 95. jungle, 96. frame, 97. biodiversity, 98. excitement, 99. foundation, 100. perceive, 101. sight, 102. insect, 103. canopy, 104. attract

105. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
106. singing in un____n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
107. l__e foreign investment *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
108. un____d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
109. wildlife con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
110. l__e prey *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
111. small su____w *n.* a small carnivorous plant that captures and digests insects using sticky hairs on its leaves
112. attempted mu____r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
113. mu_____ge composition *n.* a type of viscous, gel-like substance produced by some plants, often used for medicinal or culinary purposes
114. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 105. photograph, 106. unison, 107. lure, 108. unfold, 109. conservationist, 110. lure, 111. sundew, 112. murder, 113. mucilage, 114. individual

115. in_____us idea *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
116. gr_____ry environment *n.* plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation
117. clogged fi____r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
118. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
119. framed wat_____or *n.* a painting method in which pigments are mixed with water and a binder and then applied to paper or another support
120. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
121. bo_____al extract *adj.* relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
122. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
123. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
124. a subordinate ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
125. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 115. ingenious, 116. greenery, 117. filter, 118. rot, 119. watercolor, 120. attract, 121. botanical, 122. identify, 123. blind, 124. kingdom, 125. stick

126. realistic ti_____le *n.* a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process
127. je__l of the crown *n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
128. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
129. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
130. pe_____t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
131. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
132. f_g marigold *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
133. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
134. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 126. timescale, 127. jewel, 128. traffic, 129. visual, 130. persist, 131. aid, 132. fig, 133. fundamental, 134. background

135. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
136. pol_____or species *n.* an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds
137. the spinal co____n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
138. have ho____w legs *adj.* having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
139. museum sh_____se *n.* a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it
140. br____h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
141. pe_____t in success *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
142. the gr_____ry in a courtyard *n.* plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation
143. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 135. opportune, 136. pollinator, 137. column, 138. hollow, 139. showcase, 140. branch, 141. persist, 142. greenery, 143. ecosystem

144. apple bl____m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
145. bo_____al illustrations *adj.* relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
146. aesthetic exc_____nt *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
147. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
148. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
149. en_____e a suspect *v.* to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally
150. sit a__p a stack of books *adv.* on, to, or at the top
151. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
152. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
153. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
154. look up____d *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

ANSWERS: 144. blossom, 145. botanical, 146. excitement, 147. giant, 148. impressive, 149. ensnare, 150. atop, 151. sight, 152. interact, 153. recognize, 154. upward

155. nutrient-de__e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
156. the imm_____ty of a rock *n.* the state of being unable to move; the quality of being unable to be moved or changed easily
157. mo__h into a different shape *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
158. gre_____us nature *adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities
159. tropical rai_____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
160. a gl_____us victory *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
161. mountain sc_____y *n.* the natural features of a landscape or environment, viewed particularly in terms of their aesthetic appeal; the visual elements that constitute a play's backdrop or setting
162. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
163. in direct su_____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
164. photo in gl_____us color *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

ANSWERS: 155. dense, 156. immobility, 157. morph, 158. gregarious, 159. rainforest, 160. glorious, 161. scenery, 162. surrounding, 163. sunlight, 164. glorious

165. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
166. a glare of su____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
167. wa__y plan for selling more books *adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way
168. und_____ted market *adj.* having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions
169. a nightly fe__t *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
170. co____d that tobacco is nonaddictive *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
171. cel_____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
172. soil con_____ion *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
173. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
174. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 165. icon, 166. sunlight, 167. wacky, 168. undifferentiated, 169. feast, 170. contend, 171. celebrated, 172. conservation, 173. geography, 174. discovery

175. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
176. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
177. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
178. use of dietary sup_____nts *n.* something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it
179. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
180. international film fe_____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
181. geographical bo___y *n.* the scientific study of plants
182. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
183. con_____tly affect the organs *adv.* as a result or outcome of something
184. su_____er oil *n.* a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 175. invest, 176. photograph, 177. aid, 178. supplement, 179. individual, 180. festival, 181. botany, 182. icon, 183. consequently, 184. sunflower

185. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
186. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
187. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
188. gleaming je__l *n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
189. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
190. c_e card *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
191. loss of bio_____ity *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
192. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
193. mo__h into something entirely different *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
194. a nu_____nt for hair *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

ANSWERS: 185. fantastic, 186. nation, 187. rely, 188. jewel, 189. capture, 190. cue, 191. biodiversity, 192. blind, 193. morph, 194. nutrient

195. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
196. wat_____or landscape *n.* a painting method in which pigments are mixed with water and a binder and then applied to paper or another support
197. educational ill_____ion *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
198. pe_____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
199. spe_____ar view *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
200. cl_____ly devised trap *adv.* in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability
201. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
202. under a ca____y of smoke *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
203. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
204. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

ANSWERS: 195. threat, 196. watercolor, 197. illustration, 198. perceive, 199. spectacular, 200. cleverly, 201. probable, 202. canopy, 203. probable, 204. trap

205. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
206. establish his ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
207. the en_____ty of the situation *n.* the state of being complete or whole; the total extent or scope of something
208. ba_____op of poverty *n.* a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance
209. as_____e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
210. long-ti_____le *n.* a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process
211. ap_____ng design *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
212. co_____d for a championship *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
213. en_____e victims *v.* to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally
214. become ou_____ed *adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

ANSWERS: 205. associate, 206. kingdom, 207. entirety, 208. backdrop, 209. assume, 210. timescale, 211. appealing, 212. contend, 213. ensnare, 214. outdated

215. su_____er field *n.* a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes
216. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
217. r___y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
218. su___w leaf *n.* a small carnivorous plant that captures and digests insects using sticky hairs on its leaves
219. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
220. visual c_e *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
221. reap a ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
222. cel_____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
223. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 215. sunflower, 216. excite, 217. rely, 218. sundew, 219. odd, 220. cue, 221. harvest, 222. celebrated, 223. recognize

224. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
225. beneficial pol_____or *n.* an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds
226. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
227. bowel fl__a *n.* all the plants in a particular region or time, typically regarded as a whole
228. bo___y professor *n.* the scientific study of plants
229. ill_____ion artist *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
230. aquatic fl__a *n.* all the plants in a particular region or time, typically regarded as a whole
231. his business ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
232. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
233. a fe__t for the eyes *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
234. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
235. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

ANSWERS: 224. aesthetic, 225. pollinator, 226. sustainable, 227. flora, 228. botany, 229. illustration, 230. flora, 231. enterprise, 232. emotional, 233. feast, 234. geography, 235. adapt

236. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
237. pol_____on by insect *n.* the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organs of one flower to the female reproductive organs of another flower, resulting in fertilization and the production of seeds
238. ad_____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
239. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
240. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
241. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
242. stand a__p *adv.* on, to, or at the top
243. dedicated con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
244. the con_____ion law of physics *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

ANSWERS: 236. complexity, 237. pollination, 238. adventure, 239. fascinating, 240. process, 241. stick, 242. atop, 243. conservationist, 244. conservation

245. provide ac____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
246. demonstrate an up____d trend *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
247. com____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
248. an ap____ng offer *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
249. urban on____ht *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
250. di____se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
251. the fas____on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
252. parched s__l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
253. id____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
254. ext____us variables *adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something
255. su____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 245. accurate, 246. upward, 247. complexity, 248. appealing, 249. onslaught, 250. disperse, 251. fascination, 252. soil, 253. identify, 254. extraneous, 255. surround

256. perfect ba____op *n.* a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance
257. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
258. hi____de landscape *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
259. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
260. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
261. in____t food *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
262. bu____ss your thesis *n.* an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something
263. imp____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
264. in____t medication *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

ANSWERS: 256. backdrop, 257. weird, 258. hillside, 259. urge, 260. weird, 261. ingest, 262. buttress, 263. impressive, 264. ingest

265. pl__n answer *adj.* without being decorated in any way;
(Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
266. hi____de vineyard *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
267. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge;
(verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
268. clap the hands in un___n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
269. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
270. in____us device *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
271. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
272. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
273. ge____te the idea *v.* to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
274. a scientific di____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 265. plain, 266. hillside, 267. puzzle, 268. unison, 269. rot, 270. ingenious, 271. grand, 272. decide, 273. germinate, 274. discovery

275. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
276. con_____tly unable to start her studies *adv.* as a result or outcome of something
277. the cr__n and throne *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
278. a mammary gl__d *n.* a group of cells in an animal's body that produce substances needed by the body and release them through ducts or directly into the bloodstream
279. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
280. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
281. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
282. military st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
283. emotional imm_____ty *n.* the state of being unable to move; the quality of being unable to be moved or changed easily
284. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

ANSWERS: 275. surround, 276. consequently, 277. crown, 278. gland, 279. excite, 280. odd, 281. fundamental, 282. strategy, 283. immobility, 284. aesthetic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
 - n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

3. The enemy fell right into the _____.
 - n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

4. Pakistan's ____ budget was still being reviewed.
 - n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

5. The village was unprepared for the sudden _____ of the enemy army.
 - n. a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

6. The forest's _____ provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.
 - n. a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

7. The beautiful _____ along the coast took our breath away.
 - n. the natural features of a landscape or environment, viewed particularly in terms of their aesthetic appeal; the visual elements that constitute a play's backdrop or setting

ANSWERS: 1. recognize, 2. nation, 3. trap, 4. aid, 5. onslaught, 6. canopy, 7. scenery

8. The _____ information in the report made it difficult to understand the main points.

adj. irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something

9. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

10. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

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

11. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

12. The government is eager to _____ international investment.

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

13. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

14. The spider used its web to _____ its prey.

v. to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally

15. You should not _____ them from the community.

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

ANSWERS: 8. extraneous, 9. surround, 10. competition, 11. rely, 12. attract, 13. surrounding, 14. ensnare, 15. isolate

16. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.
n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
17. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
18. His grandfather was an ____ man.
adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
19. A rose has thorns on its _____.
n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
20. Before authorities _____ the protesters, they yelled slogans.
v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
21. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
22. The _____ of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.
n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
23. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

ANSWERS: 16. festival, 17. opportune, 18. odd, 19. stem, 20. dispersed, 21. traffic, 22. excitement, 23. sights

24. The study of _____ can also include the study of plant fossils and the history of plant evolution.
n. the scientific study of plants
25. The dog jumped _____ to one side.
adv. in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability
26. The _____ painting had a soft, dreamy quality to it.
n. a painting method in which pigments are mixed with water and a binder and then applied to paper or another support
27. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
28. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
29. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
30. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
31. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.
adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

ANSWERS: 24. botany, 25. cleverly, 26. watercolor, 27. background, 28. discovery, 29. photograph, 30. probable, 31. aesthetic

32. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

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

33. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

34. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

35. A growing _____ requires a bold leader.

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

36. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

37. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

38. The newspaper devoted several _____ to the affair.

n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

39. Massive _____ supported the ancient castle.

n. an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something

ANSWERS: 32. blind, 33. adapt, 34. invest, 35. enterprise, 36. decide, 37. grand, 38. columns, 39. buttresses

40. The museum's new exhibition is a _____ of contemporary art.
n. a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it
41. We ____ for an overseas expansion.
v. to try or plan to get or achieve something
42. The destruction of the _____ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.
n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
43. They saluted in _____ to the captain.
n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
44. The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for _____.
n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
45. The _____ in the book helped me understand the concept better.
n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
46. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
47. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 40. showcase, 41. aim, 42. rainforest, 43. unison, 44. conservationists, 45. illustration, 46. unfolded, 47. threat

48. Bees are important _____ for many crops and plants.
- n.* an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds
49. The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very _____ to readers
- adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
50. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
51. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
52. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.
- v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
53. The _____ in aloe vera gel can help soothe sunburned skin.
- n.* a type of viscous, gel-like substance produced by some plants, often used for medicinal or culinary purposes
54. The forest was recently designated a _____ area.
- n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
55. This company _____ into an enterprise company.
- v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

ANSWERS: 48. pollinators, 49. appealing, 50. strategy, 51. fundamental, 52. urged, 53. mucilage, 54. conservation, 55. morphed

56. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
v. to communicate or react with somebody
57. The _____ plant is known for its unique ability to trap insects.
n. a small carnivorous plant that captures and digests insects using sticky hairs on its leaves
58. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
59. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.
adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
60. The royal _____ celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.
n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
61. The _____ process is crucial for the growth and reproduction of many plants.
n. the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organs of one flower to the female reproductive organs of another flower, resulting in fertilization and the production of seeds
62. The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of _____ as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.
n. a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
63. Radiation from _____ has a different wavelength.
n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun

ANSWERS: 56. interact, 57. sundew, 58. assumes, 59. spectacular, 60. feast, 61. pollination, 62. naturalism, 63. sunlight

64. The killer used his hands to _____ his victim.
v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
65. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.
adj. correct and exact in all details
66. The eagle perched _____ the tallest tree in the forest.
adv. on, to, or at the top
67. The salesperson used a special offer to _____ customers into buying the product.
v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something
68. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.
v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
69. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.
n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
70. There was a _____ amount of food left in the fridge.
adj. barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount
71. Consult your doctor if the symptoms _____.
v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
72. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

ANSWERS: 64. strangle, 65. accurate, 66. atop, 67. lure, 68. perceived, 69. ecosystem, 70. scant, 71. persist, 72. murder

73. The company adjusted the revenue _____.

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

74. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat _____.

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

75. I choose a _____ death rather than a shameful life.

adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

76. The city plans to add more _____ in public spaces to improve air quality and aesthetic.

n. plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation

77. The director gave the actor a ____ to begin the scene.

n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something

78. The tree had a _____ trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.

adj. having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface

79. She did well on her _____ exam.

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

80. We replaced _____ equipment to improve factory productivity.

adj. no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

ANSWERS: 73. upward, 74. plain, 75. glorious, 76. greenery, 77. cue, 78. hollow, 79. geography, 80. outdated

81. This village is still in a dense _____.

n. an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

82. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

83. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

84. Certain _____ may promote tumor growth.

n. something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it

85. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

86. The country was instrumental in promoting the _____ treaty.

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

87. The airplane crash resulted in the _____ of several passengers due to their injuries.

n. the state of being unable to move; the quality of being unable to be moved or changed easily

88. The Amazon rainforest is home to a diverse _____ of plant species.

n. all the plants in a particular region or time, typically regarded as a whole

ANSWERS: 81. jungle, 82. complexity, 83. process, 84. supplements, 85. diet, 86. biodiversity, 87. immobility, 88. flora

89. His friend was a pretty wild and _____ character.

adj. funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way

90. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

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

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

92. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

93. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

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

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

95. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

96. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

ANSWERS: 89. wacky, 90. prioritized, 91. kingdom, 92. impressive, 93. intense, 94. ingest, 95. weird, 96. frame

97. The _____ for completing the construction project is three years.
n. a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process
98. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
99. The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the _____.
n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
100. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.
adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes
101. The seeds _____ quickly in the warm soil.
v. to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
102. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so _____.
adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill
103. The online _____ process was quick and easy to complete.
n. the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
104. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

ANSWERS: 97. timescale, 98. fantastic, 99. hillside, 100. celebrated, 101. germinated, 102. ingenious, 103. registration, 104. associate

105. He ate the dried _____ he had preserved.

n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

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

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

107. Tobacco companies have long _____ that their product is not addictive.

v. to struggle to win or surmount something

108. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

109. The infant makes _____ reflex responses to stimuli.

adj. having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions

110. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

111. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

112. The _____ seeds can be roasted and eaten as a snack.

n. a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes

113. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

ANSWERS: 105. figs, 106. giant, 107. contended, 108. urban, 109. undifferentiated, 110. fascinating, 111. capture, 112. sunflower, 113. emotional

114. The _____ gardens were filled with exotic plants from all around the world.
adj. relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
115. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
116. She was a _____ person, always making friends with everyone she met.
adj. fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities
117. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.
n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
118. I looked at the painting in _____.
n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
119. 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
120. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.
n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
121. The bishop bestowed the golden _____ on the king.
n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

ANSWERS: 114. botanical, 115. puzzle, 116. gregarious, 117. adventures, 118. fascination, 119. individual, 120. filter, 121. crown

122. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

123. _____ the company had to lay off some of its employees.

adv. as a result or outcome of something

124. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

125. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

126. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

127. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

128. She treasured the small _____ that her grandmother had given her.

n. a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry

129. The lush green forest provided a picturesque _____ for the photo shoot.

n. a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance

130. These _____ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

ANSWERS: 122. excited, 123. Consequently, 124. profession, 125. icons, 126. sustainable, 127. rot, 128. jewel, 129. backdrop, 130. insects

131. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

132. They used fast-acting _____ on the flowers in the flower beds.

n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

133. They refused to accept the proposal in its _____ demanding revisions.

n. the state of being complete or whole; the total extent or scope of something

134. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

135. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

136. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

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

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

138. The cherry _____ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 131. branch, 132. nutrients, 133. entirety, 134. visual, 135. Soil, 136. foundation, 137. identify, 138. blossom

139. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

140. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

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

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

142. The adrenal _____ produce steroids.

n. a group of cells in an animal's body that produce substances needed by the body and release them through ducts or directly into the bloodstream

ANSWERS: 139. dense, 140. harvest, 141. stick, 142. glands