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Session 1: Word List

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
synonym: criterion, mean, standard

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

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

unnerving

adj. making someone lose courage or confidence, or feel nervous or frightened

synonym: frightening, horrifying, uneasy

(1) **unnerving** effect, (2) with **unnerving** speed

Having dental treatment was an **unnerving** experience for me.

podcast

n. a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player

(1) football **podcast**, (2) listen to a **podcast**

Our **podcast** was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.

hertz

n. the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals

synonym : frequency, cycles per second

(1) audio **hertz**, (2) tera- **hertz** radiation

The human ear can detect sounds with frequencies ranging from 20 to 20,000 **hertz**.

recognizable

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

synonym : noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym : potent, significant, meaningful

(1) an **influential** newspaper, (2) an **influential** politician

Early childhood experiences are very **influential** for people.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym : compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

cage

n. a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept

synonym : enclosure, jail, corral

(1) an insect **cage**, (2) a bird in a **cage**

The trapped bear is running amok in its **cage**.

genre

n. a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

synonym : type, category, style

(1) **genre** of music, (2) a literary **genre**
He is known for creating **genre-busting** paintings.

avant-garde

adj. relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions

synonym : innovative, experimental, unconventional

(1) **avant-garde** art, (2) **avant-garde** music
The artist's **avant-garde** approach to sculpture challenged conventional ideas of art.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society
Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting
Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

typical

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

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms
This artwork is **typical** of her work.

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**
The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread

to the United Kingdom.

technique

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

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

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

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

reputation

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

synonym: fame, standing, esteem

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

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

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym: audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

duration

n. the length of time something lasts or continues

synonym: period, span, course

(1) the **duration** of insurance, (2) short **duration**
The military incarcerated him for the **duration** of the war.

renowned

adj. famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.

synonym: noted, prominent, acclaimed

(1) a **renowned** artist, (2) **renowned** as a novelist

This area is **renowned** for its hot springs.

maverick

adj. characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious

synonym: unconventional, nonconformist, independent-minded

(1) **maverick** behavior, (2) **maverick** politician

The **maverick** artist refused to follow traditional painting styles and created his unique art.

concert

n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

synonym: gig, musical, show

(1) have a **concert** again, (2) a benefit **concert**

This artist always packs the **concert** halls.

outdoors

adv. in or into the open air; outside a building or structure

synonym: outside, al fresco, in the open air

(1) exhausted **outdoors**, (2) sleep **outdoors**

She loves to hike **outdoors** and explore nature.

lid

n. a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container

synonym: cover, top, cap

(1) container **lid**, (2) the **lid** of a box

He opened the **lid** of the jar to reveal the contents inside.

movement

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

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops
The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

beg v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
synonym: plead, implore, entreat
(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help
She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

composition n. the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
synonym: creating, formatting, arrangement
(1) age **composition** of the population, (2) the piano passages in the **composition**
Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of **composition**.

debate n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
synonym: argument, discussion, dispute
(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition
The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

string n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
synonym: line, wire, rope
(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**
She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

screw

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

synonym: tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**

He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym: scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

synonym: wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files

He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym: apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym: angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

sonata

n. a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin

synonym: composition, piece, work

(1) play a **sonata**, (2) third **sonata**

He's been practicing a new **sonata** for weeks.

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.

incredibly

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

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym: education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym: cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

elevator

n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

synonym: lift, hoist

(1) **elevator** ride, (2) modern **elevator**

The hotel's **elevator** was out of order, so we had to take the

stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

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**.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

offhand

adj. spoken or done without much thought or preparation

synonym: casual, impromptu, unplanned

(1) **offhand** excuses, (2) **offhand** gesture

He made an **offhand** comment about the weather.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym: neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**
He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

evolve

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

synonym : develop, mature, grow

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

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym : alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

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**.

anechoic

adj. referring to a space or environment that is designed or engineered to be free of echoes or sound reflections, typically used for scientific or medical testing and research

synonym : soundproof, echoless, noiseless

(1) **anechoic** technology, (2) **anechoic** room

The **anechoic** chamber was designed to absorb sound, resulting in an eerie silence completely.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym : association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the

patient's heart.

acoustic

adj. relating to sound or the sense of hearing

synonym : aural, hearing, acoustical

(1) **acoustic** properties of a hall, (2) **acoustic** guitar

The ground acts as an **acoustic** barrier against outside sounds.

minimize

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

synonym : diminish, mitigate, belittle

(1) **minimize** a loss, (2) way to **minimize** conflict

I bought a gadget before my trip to help **minimize** stress during the flight.

circulate

v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

synonym : flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

pulse

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

synonym : beat, vibration, throb

(1) a weak **pulse**, (2) **pulse** waves

The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your **pulse**.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym : understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym : intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

grasping

adj. eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary

synonym : greedy, extorting, acquisitive

(1) **grasping** landlord, (2) **grasping** disposition

He was criticized for his **grasping** attitude, always looking for ways to make more money.

environment

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

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym : divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

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

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

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.

sonic

adj. connected with the nature of sound, sound waves, or the speed

synonym: audio, auditory

(1) at **sonic** speed, (2) **sonic** wave

That company has introduced a new aircraft that can minimize the generation of a **sonic** boom.

chirp

n. a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers

synonym: tweet, chirrup, peep

(1) the **chirp** of a bird, (2) the **chirp** of a cricket

The sound of the **chirp** woke me up early in the morning.

overlap

v. to partially cover something by going beyond its edge

synonym: overlay, cover, bespread

(1) **overlap** one another, (2) **overlap** in many areas

There was no **overlap** between their proposals.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

cricket

n. leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players

(1) **cricket** match, (2) a pine **cricket**

The sound of the **crickets** chirping filled the air on a warm summer evening.

owl

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

synonym: raptor, bird of prey, nocturnal bird

(1) a night **owl**, (2) an **owl** hooted

The snowy **owl** is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.

hoot

v. to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound

synonym: jeer, taunt

(1) **hoot** the actor off the stage, (2) **hoot** a horn

The audience **hooted** with laughter at the comedian's jokes.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

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

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

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

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.

reset

v. to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition

synonym : restart, reinitialize, set anew

(1) **reset** password, (2) **reset** my brain

She **reset** the computer to fix the problem.

conscious

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

synonym : aware, cognizant, deliberate

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

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

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym : intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

rhythm

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

synonym : beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**

He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

harmonic

adj. relating to the production of sound waves with a frequency that is an integral multiple of the frequency of the original wave; having a pleasing, pleasing, or agreeable sound.

synonym : melodic, balanced, harmonious

(1) **harmonic** oscillator, (2) a natural **harmonic** quality

The violin's sound was so pure and **harmonic** that it gave me chills.

dissonant

adj. sounds that are not in harmony or are in conflict with one another; an uncomfortable or tense feeling caused by conflicting ideas or emotions

synonym : discordant, harsh, inharmonious

(1) a **dissonant** voice, (2) **dissonant** note

The **dissonant** sound from the poorly tuned instruments was painful to listen to.

magnificence

n. the quality or state of being extremely good, beautiful, or deserving to be admired

synonym : grandeur, splendor, elegance

(1) incomparable **magnificence**, (2) the **magnificence** of classical music

The **magnificence** of the palace was breathtaking.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. a literary ge__e | <i>n.</i> a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics |
| 2. st_____ng discovery | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying |
| 3. ty_____l leader | <i>adj.</i> having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things |
| 4. the great di_____ry of the century | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |
| 5. ov_____p in many areas | <i>v.</i> to partially cover something by going beyond its edge |
| 6. a scientific di_____ry | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |
| 7. st___e a blow | <i>v.</i> to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon |
| 8. mi_____ze a loss | <i>v.</i> to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious |
| 9. er___e a memory | <i>v.</i> to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it |
| 10. me_____n name | <i>v.</i> to speak or write about something or someone briefly |

ANSWERS: 1. genre, 2. startling, 3. typical, 4. discovery, 5. overlap, 6. discovery, 7. strike, 8. minimize, 9. erase, 10. mention

11. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
12. an inf_____al newspaper *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
13. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
14. container l_d *n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
15. the l_d of a box *n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
16. a female sc__w *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
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22. rec_____ble landmark *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
23. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
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30. a gas ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
31. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 22. recognizable, 23. brain, 24. outdoors, 25. incredibly, 26. hertz, 27. background, 28. beg, 29. probable, 30. chamber, 31. tap

32. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
33. ci_____te an agenda before the meeting *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
34. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
35. retie the st____g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
36. el_____or ride *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
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40. a natural ha____ic quality *adj.* relating to the production of sound waves with a frequency that is an integral multiple of the frequency of the original wave; having a pleasing, pleasing, or agreeable sound.
41. ma_____ck politician *adj.* characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious

ANSWERS: 32. suddenly, 33. circulate, 34. refuse, 35. string, 36. elevator, 37. environment, 38. acoustic, 39. pulse, 40. harmonic, 41. maverick

42. sleep ou_____rs *adv.* in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
43. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
44. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
45. to a rec_____ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
46. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
47. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
48. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
49. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
50. a re_____ed artist *adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
51. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
52. re__t password *v.* to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition

ANSWERS: 42. outdoors, 43. innovation, 44. transform, 45. recognizable, 46. alien, 47. random, 48. movement, 49. church, 50. renowned, 51. suppose, 52. reset

53. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
54. age com_____on of the population *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
55. incomparable mag_____nce *n.* the quality or state of being extremely good, beautiful, or deserving to be admired
56. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
57. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
58. ac_____ic properties of a hall *adj.* relating to sound or the sense of hearing
59. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
60. 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
61. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

ANSWERS: 53. beg, 54. composition, 55. magnificence, 56. tap, 57. suppose, 58. acoustic, 59. evolve, 60. assume, 61. pitch

62. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
63. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
64. the du____on of insurance *n.* the length of time something lasts or continues
65. cultural n___m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
66. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
67. n___m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
68. 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
69. fairly ty____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
70. co____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
71. have an in____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
72. cutting-edge inn____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
73. irregular heart rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

ANSWERS: 62. strike, 63. critic, 64. duration, 65. norm, 66. modern, 67. norm, 68. assume, 69. typical, 70. conscious, 71. inherent, 72. innovation, 73. rhythm

74. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
75. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
76. un_____ng effect *adj.* making someone lose courage or confidence, or feel nervous or frightened
77. play a so____a *n.* a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin
78. co_____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
79. so__c wave *adj.* connected with the nature of sound, sound waves, or the speed
80. have a co_____t again *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
81. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
82. a ra____m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
83. tera-he__z radiation *n.* the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals
84. ge__e of music *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

ANSWERS: 74. constant, 75. environment, 76. unnerving, 77. sonata, 78. compose, 79. sonic, 80. concert, 81. perception, 82. random, 83. hertz, 84. genre

85. an insect c__e *n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
86. short du____on *n.* the length of time something lasts or continues
87. way to mi____ze conflict *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
88. of____d gesture *adj.* spoken or done without much thought or preparation
89. expansion of the un____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
90. resident al__ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
91. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
92. ha____ic oscillator *adj.* relating to the production of sound waves with a frequency that is an integral multiple of the frequency of the original wave; having a pleasing, pleasing, or agreeable sound.
93. ma____ck behavior *adj.* characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious

ANSWERS: 85. cage, 86. duration, 87. minimize, 88. offhand, 89. universe, 90. alien, 91. movement, 92. harmonic, 93. maverick

94. an o_l hooted *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
95. an inf_____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
96. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
97. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
98. sp____t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
99. listen to a po_____t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
100. an_____ic technology *adj.* referring to a space or environment that is designed or engineered to be free of echoes or sound reflections, typically used for scientific or medical testing and research
101. football po_____t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
102. gr_____ng disposition *adj.* eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary

ANSWERS: 94. owl, 95. influential, 96. opportune, 97. distract, 98. spirit, 99. podcast, 100. anechoic, 101. podcast, 102. grasping

103. r_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
104. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
105. a night o_l *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
106. an indomitable sp____t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
107. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
108. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
109. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
110. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
111. of_____d excuses *adj.* spoken or done without much thought or preparation
112. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
113. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

ANSWERS: 103. rub, 104. instrument, 105. owl, 106. spirit, 107. conscious, 108. technique, 109. distract, 110. technique, 111. offhand, 112. transform, 113. reputation

114. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
115. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
116. 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
117. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
118. am_____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
119. re__t my brain *v.* to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition
120. modern el_____or *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
121. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
122. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 114. evolve, 115. incredibly, 116. background, 117. critic, 118. amplify, 119. reset, 120. elevator, 121. debate, 122. universe

123. a di_____nt voice *adj.* sounds that are not in harmony or are in conflict with one another; an uncomfortable or tense feeling caused by conflicting ideas or emotions
124. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
125. the piano passages in the com_____on *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
126. h__t the actor off the stage *v.* to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "who" sound
127. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
128. a benefit co_____t *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
129. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
130. ava_____de art *adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions

ANSWERS: 123. dissonant, 124. rub, 125. composition, 126. hoot, 127. debate, 128. concert, 129. misunderstand, 130. avant-garde

131. at so__c speed *adj.* connected with the nature of sound, sound waves, or the speed
132. an____ic room *adj.* referring to a space or environment that is designed or engineered to be free of echoes or sound reflections, typically used for scientific or medical testing and research
133. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
134. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
135. gr_____ng landlord *adj.* eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary
136. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
137. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
138. ava_____de music *adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions
139. cr_____t match *n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
140. ci_____te a rumor *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
141. da___g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks

ANSWERS: 131. sonic, 132. anechoic, 133. brain, 134. constant, 135. grasping, 136. lifetime, 137. probable, 138. avant-garde, 139. cricket, 140. circulate, 141. daring

142. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
143. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
144. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
145. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
146. with un_____ng speed *adj.* making someone lose courage or confidence, or feel nervous or frightened
147. a bird in a c__e *n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
148. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
149. make a da___g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
150. sc__w the cap *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

ANSWERS: 142. pitch, 143. landscape, 144. reputation, 145. instruction, 146. unnerving, 147. cage, 148. church, 149. daring, 150. screw

151. ov____p one another *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
152. in____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
153. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
154. li____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
155. a pine cr____t *n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
156. in samba rh____m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
157. development of the ne____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
158. keen per____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
159. the ch__p of a cricket *n.* a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers
160. re____ed as a novelist *adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
161. the mag____nce of classical music *n.* the quality or state of being extremely good, beautiful, or deserving to be admired

ANSWERS: 151. overlap, 152. inherent, 153. landscape, 154. lifetime, 155. cricket, 156. rhythm, 157. nervous, 158. perception, 159. chirp, 160. renowned, 161. magnificence

162. me____n in a report
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
163. the lower ch____r
n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
164. h__t a horn
v. to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound
165. su____ly attacked by an enemy
adv. quickly and unexpectedly
166. si____t reading
adj. without any or little sound
167. get ne____s
adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
168. face inc____gly complicated challenges
adv. more and more
169. mo____n poetry
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
170. third so____a
n. a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin
171. co____e my thoughts
v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
172. re____e a request
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
173. di____nt note
adj. sounds that are not in harmony or are in conflict with one another; an uncomfortable or tense feeling caused by conflicting ideas or emotions

ANSWERS: 162. mention, 163. chamber, 164. hoot, 165. suddenly, 166. silent, 167. nervous, 168. increasingly, 169. modern, 170. sonata, 171. compose, 172. refuse, 173. dissonant

174. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
175. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
176. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
177. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
178. the ch__p of a bird *n.* a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers

ANSWERS: 174. startling, 175. erase, 176. misunderstand, 177. silent, 178. chirp

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.
n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

2. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

3. She _____ the computer to fix the problem.
v. to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition

4. He became _____ that he was being followed.
adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

5. Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of _____.
n. the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

6. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

7. The _____ of the palace was breathtaking.
n. the quality or state of being extremely good, beautiful, or deserving to be admired

8. My initial reaction was to _____.
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

ANSWERS: 1. chambers, 2. opportune, 3. reset, 4. conscious, 5. composition, 6. modern, 7. magnificence, 8. refuse

9. The trapped bear is running amok in its _____.
n. a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
10. That company has introduced a new aircraft that can minimize the generation of a _____ boom.
adj. connected with the nature of sound, sound waves, or the speed
11. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.
n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
12. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.
n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
13. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
14. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.
adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something
15. The military incarcerated him for the _____ of the war.
n. the length of time something lasts or continues
16. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 9. cage, 10. sonic, 11. rhythm, 12. perception, 13. silent, 14. influential, 15. duration, 16. movement

17. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
18. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
19. The sound of the _____ woke me up early in the morning.
n. a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers
20. His car was easily _____ in the parking lot.
adj. easy to become aware of or identify
21. The sound of the _____ chirping filled the air on a warm summer evening.
n. leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
22. He opened the _____ of the jar to reveal the contents inside.
n. a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
23. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.
n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
24. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

ANSWERS: 17. strike, 18. distract, 19. chirp, 20. recognizable, 21. crickets, 22. lid, 23. string, 24. begged

25. The snowy ____ is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.
n. a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
26. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.
v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
27. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.
v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it;
(noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
28. He's been practicing a new _____ for weeks.
n. a piece of music for solo instruments, typically a piano or violin
29. This artist always packs the _____ halls.
n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
30. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
31. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
32. The _____ artist refused to follow traditional painting styles and created his unique art.
adj. characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious

ANSWERS: 25. owl, 26. erase, 27. screw, 28. sonata, 29. concert, 30. church, 31. instruction, 32. maverick

33. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
34. Our _____ was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.
n. a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
35. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
adj. happening repeatedly or all the time
36. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.
adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
37. The violin's sound was so pure and _____ that it gave me chills.
adj. relating to the production of sound waves with a frequency that is an integral multiple of the frequency of the original wave; having a pleasing, pleasing, or agreeable sound.
38. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
39. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
40. He was criticized for his _____ attitude, always looking for ways to make more money.
adj. eager in acquiring or wanting to acquire more wealth, property, or power than is necessary

ANSWERS: 33. norms, 34. podcast, 35. Constant, 36. random, 37. harmonic, 38. critics, 39. innovation, 40. grasping

41. 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
42. Her choices become increasingly _____ and creative.
adj. brave and taking risks
43. The structure is _____ of three main components.
v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
44. Her voice gradually increased in _____.
n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
45. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
46. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.
n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
47. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
48. The ground acts as an _____ barrier against outside sounds.
adj. relating to sound or the sense of hearing

ANSWERS: 41. assumes, 42. daring, 43. composed, 44. pitch, 45. increasingly, 46. instrument, 47. suppose, 48. acoustic

49. The _____ chamber was designed to absorb sound, resulting in an eerie silence completely.
- adj.* referring to a space or environment that is designed or engineered to be free of echoes or sound reflections, typically used for scientific or medical testing and research
50. The _____ sound from the poorly tuned instruments was painful to listen to.
- adj.* sounds that are not in harmony or are in conflict with one another; an uncomfortable or tense feeling caused by conflicting ideas or emotions
51. The artist's _____ approach to sculpture challenged conventional ideas of art.
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions
52. This area is _____ for its hot springs.
- adj.* famous and respected for great achievements, qualities, etc.
53. 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
54. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 49. anechoic, 50. dissonant, 51. avant-garde, 52. renowned, 53. background, 54. debate

55. He describes the story with _____ reality.

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

56. The fan _____ the air in the room quickly.

v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

57. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

58. Having dental treatment was an _____ experience for me.

adj. making someone lose courage or confidence, or feel nervous or frightened

59. 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

60. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

61. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

62. She loves to hike _____ and explore nature.

adv. in or into the open air; outside a building or structure

63. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

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

ANSWERS: 55. startling, 56. circulates, 57. landscape, 58. unnerving, 59. discovery, 60. suddenly, 61. Alien, 62. outdoors, 63. evolved

64. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.

- n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

65. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

66. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

67. He is known for creating _____ paintings.

- n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

68. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

69. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

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

70. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.

- n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

71. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.

- adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

72. The audience _____ with laughter at the comedian's jokes.

- v.* to make the sound of a hoot or loud, raucous laugh; to express disapproval or scorn; (noun) the sound made by an owl or a similar bird, usually a low-pitched, repetitive "hoo" or "whoo" sound

ANSWERS: 64. universe, 65. incredibly, 66. mentioned, 67. genre-busting, 68. typical, 69. technique, 70. spirit, 71. inherent, 72. hooted

73. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

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

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

75. I bought a gadget before my trip to help _____ stress during the flight.

- v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

76. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

- adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

77. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.

- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

78. He made an _____ comment about the weather.

- adj.* spoken or done without much thought or preparation

79. The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your _____.

- n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

80. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 73. brain, 74. environment, 75. minimize, 76. nervous, 77. tap, 78. offhand, 79. pulse, 80. probable

81. The human ear can detect sounds with frequencies ranging from 20 to 20,000 _____.
- n.* the unit of frequency, equal to one cycle per second, often used to describe the frequency of electromagnetic waves or electronic signals
82. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.
- v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
83. You might need to _____ this point.
- v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
84. There was no _____ between their proposals.
- v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
85. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
- v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
86. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
87. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
- n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
88. The hotel's _____ was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.
- n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

ANSWERS: 81. hertz, 82. rubbed, 83. amplify, 84. overlap, 85. misunderstand, 86. transformed, 87. reputation, 88. elevator

89. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

ANSWERS: 89. lifetime