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Session 1: Word List

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners
The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

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**.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym : response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

congratulation

n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

synonym : praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

gay

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

synonym: cheerful, lively, joyful

(1) **gay** couple, (2) **gay** rights

The **gay** pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

adoption

n. the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval

synonym: fostering, acceptance, custody

(1) **adoption** assistance, (2) the **adoption** of a plan

The **adoption** process can be long and difficult, but it is worth

it for the love of a child.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym: nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

approve

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

synonym: accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measure, (2) unanimously **approve** a resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym: board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

subsequent

adj. happening or occurring later or after something else

synonym: later, following, ensuing

(1) over **subsequent** months, (2) reduce **subsequent** mortality

In the **subsequent** meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly

complicated

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

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.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

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.

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.

slight

adj. very small in degree or amount

synonym : feeble, nuanced, subtle

(1) feel a **slight** concern, (2) **slight** increase

We made **slight** modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym : confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym : lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

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.

workshop

n. a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

synonym: studio, laboratory, atelier

(1) **workshop** attendee, (2) carpentry **workshop**

The artist held a **workshop** to teach students how to paint with watercolors.

skip

v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

synonym: bounce, spring, neglect

(1) **skip** across the country, (2) **skip** breakfast

We **skipped** the topic because it was too complicated.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

awful

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

synonym: terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

disapprove

v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

synonym: object, reject, condemn

(1) **disapprove** of the government, (2) publicly **disapprove**

I **disapprove** of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym: title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

moral

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

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

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

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

trophy

n. an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest

synonym: prize, award, accolade

(1) **trophy** case, (2) **trophy** room

The soccer team won the **trophy** after a hard-fought competition.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

heterosexual

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

synonym: straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym: damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

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.

apprehensive

adj. anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something

synonym: anxious, uneasy, nervous

(1) **apprehensive** of danger, (2) **apprehensive** mood

She was **apprehensive** about speaking in front of a large crowd.

enthusiastic

adj. having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something

synonym: ardent, fervent, crazy

(1) **enthusiastic** football fan, (2) **enthusiastic** audience

She was **enthusiastic** about starting her new job.

exhaust

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

synonym: emission, fumes, (verb) deplete

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

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

fertility

n. the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants

synonym: richness, pregnancy, productivity

(1) soil **fertility**, (2) **fertility** above replacement

The sperm count is used as an indicator of male **fertility**.

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.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

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.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym: fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

orphan

n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them

synonym: waif, stray, fatherless child

(1) **orphan** care, (2) asylum for **orphan** children

The little girl was a war **orphan** and lived in a group home.

scoop

n. a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else

synonym: ladle, spoon, dipper

(1) a **scoop** of ice cream, (2) **scoop** of news

The company's marketing team worked hard to get the **scoop** on what their target audience wanted.

waltz

n. a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

synonym: ballroom dance, tango, foxtrot

(1) **waltz** music, (2) elegant **waltz**

The dancers practiced the steps of the **waltz** meticulously to perfect their performance.

hint

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

synonym: clue, indication, suggestion

(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**

There was no **hint** of a problem.

neglect

v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

synonym: delinquency, carelessness, decay

(1) **neglect** to call, (2) **neglect** ethical issues

He **neglected** his health to make the project a success.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

attachment

n. a feeling of affection for someone or something

synonym : adoration, affection, extension

(1) **attachment** to a formal plan, (2) stand mixer fitted with the paddle **attachment**

I have no **attachment** to the countryside.

disorder

n. an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions

synonym : chaos, disturbance, disease

(1) the files are in complete **disorder**, (2) people with bipolar **disorder**

The doctor prescribed some medicine for the mental **disorder**.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

delay

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

synonym : block, adjourn, detain

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

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

bounce

v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

synonym : bound, leap, spring

(1) **bounce** across the floor, (2) **bounce** back from failure
They will **bounce** between various emotional states.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

flexibility

n. the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations

synonym: elasticity, adaptability, resilience

(1) mental **flexibility**, (2) the **flexibility** of the body

We dealt with those problems with speed and **flexibility**.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

grill

n. a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill

synonym: barbecue, broiler, griddle

(1) gas **grill**, (2) **grill** a steak

The restaurant is famous for its **grill**, where they serve the best steaks.

assess

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

synonym: estimate, evaluate, consider

(1) **assess** a tax of 10 pounds, (2) **assess** the quality

Our company needs to **assess** the business impact of climate change.

therapeutic

adj. relating to or involved in the treatment of illness or injury
synonym : healing, remedial, curative

(1) **therapeutic** massage, (2) **therapeutic** administration
Yoga is known to have **therapeutic** benefits for the mind and body.

approval

n. the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable

synonym : acceptance, endorsement, permission

(1) a written **approval**, (2) express my **approval**
This project took a lot of time to get the president's **approval**.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym : board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**
A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

puncture

n. a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object

synonym : piercing, prick, hole

(1) bicycle **puncture**, (2) needle **puncture**
The tire had a **puncture** and needed to be replaced.

tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift

way

synonym : fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

quad

n. (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes

synonym : quadrangle, square, block

(1) **quad** room, (2) **quad** biking

We met at the campus **quad** to study for our upcoming exams.

parascending

n. a recreational activity in which a person is towed behind a boat, car, or other vehicles while attached to a parachute, usually to glide or soar through the air

synonym : parasailing, parakiting, kiteboarding

(1) **parascending** adventure, (2) **parascending** lesson

The beach resort is known for its top-notch **parascending** facilities, attracting adventure enthusiasts worldwide.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

shave

v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

synonym : trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym : relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

inquire

v. to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding

synonym : ask, question, query

(1) **inquire** at reception, (2) **inquire** into the matter

I need to **inquire** about the details of the job interview.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

awkward

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

synonym: embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation difficult.

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.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

batter

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

synonym: beat, pound, strike

(1) **batter** the eggs, (2) the **batter's** box

He got so angry that he **battered** the door down.

transit

n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

synonym: transportation, passage, transfer

(1) a **transit** visa, (2) mass **transit**

Public **transit** is an essential service for many cities.

throwback

n. a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept

synonym : relic, reversion, remainder

(1) **throwback** memories, (2) musical **throwback**

The **throwback** jerseys the team wore were a big hit with the fans.

meld

v. to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse

synonym : blend, merge, combine

(1) **meld** business and pleasure, (2) **meld** physics with life science

The chef **melded** the flavors of the spice blend to create the perfect marinade.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

nag

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

synonym : hassle, bother, badger

(1) **nag** about the minor thing, (2) **nag** political leaders

She couldn't stop **nagging** her husband to take out the trash.

brilliantly

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

synonym : brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit

He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

intelligent

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

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.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

achieve

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

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

struggle

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

synonym : toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

consequence

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

synonym : result, impact, outcome

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

argument

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

adolescent

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

synonym: teen, preadult, youth

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

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

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

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

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

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

annoy

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

synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

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

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

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym: canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

Session 2: Spelling

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2. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
3. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
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5. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
6. g_y couple *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
7. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
8. m__d business and pleasure *v.* to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse
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10. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 1. trophy, 2. announce, 3. panel, 4. adopt, 5. norm, 6. gay, 7. colleague, 8. meld, 9. meld, 10. decide

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16. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
17. dual ge____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
18. ad_____on assistance *n.* the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval
19. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
20. s__p across the country *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

ANSWERS: 11. flexibility, 12. permanent, 13. relation, 14. orphan, 15. hint, 16. discuss, 17. gender, 18. adoption, 19. moral, 20. skip

21. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
22. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
23. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
24. n_g about the minor thing *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
25. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
26. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
27. the ba____r's box *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
28. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
29. ex_____t a topic *n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired

ANSWERS: 21. complicated, 22. achieve, 23. struggle, 24. nag, 25. exciting, 26. creative, 27. batter, 28. council, 29. exhaust

30. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
31. the_____ic massage *adj.* relating to or involved in the treatment of illness or injury
32. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
33. in_____e into the matter *v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding
34. asylum for or____n children *n.* a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
35. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
36. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
37. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
38. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
39. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
40. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
41. pre-ado_____nt children *n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

ANSWERS: 30. colleague, 31. therapeutic, 32. definitely, 33. inquire, 34. orphan, 35. slightly, 36. necessarily, 37. perspective, 38. headline, 39. panic, 40. myth, 41. adolescent

42. wo_____op attendee *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
43. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
44. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
45. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
46. up____d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
47. an aw__l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
48. bicycle pu_____re *n.* a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object
49. de__y the new project *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
50. ti____r with the bill *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
51. th_____ck memories *n.* a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept
52. s__p breakfast *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do

ANSWERS: 42. workshop, 43. consequence, 44. negative, 45. intelligent, 46. uphold, 47. awful, 48. puncture, 49. delay, 50. tinker, 51. throwback, 52. skip

53. trigger a re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
54. a sc__p of ice cream *n.* a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else
55. soil fe____ty *n.* the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants
56. in____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
57. give si__t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
58. the____ic administration *adj.* relating to or involved in the treatment of illness or injury
59. ex____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
60. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
61. het____ual relationship *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
62. 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
63. ent____tic audience *adj.* having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something

ANSWERS: 53. reaction, 54. scoop, 55. fertility, 56. involve, 57. silent, 58. therapeutic, 59. exciting, 60. myth, 61. heterosexual, 62. decide, 63. enthusiastic

64. fo___r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
65. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
66. het_____ual marriage *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
67. helpful h__ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
68. co___n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
69. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
70. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
71. the files are in complete di_____er *n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions
72. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
73. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
74. up___d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
75. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

ANSWERS: 64. foster, 65. definitely, 66. heterosexual, 67. hint, 68. cousin, 69. creative, 70. incredibly, 71. disorder, 72. absolutely, 73. negative, 74. uphold, 75. adopt

76. over sub_____nt months *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
77. 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
78. the ad_____on of a plan *n.* the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval
79. gr__l a steak *n.* a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill
80. reduce sub_____nt mortality *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
81. the fle_____ty of the body *n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations
82. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
83. un_____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
84. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

ANSWERS: 76. subsequent, 77. assume, 78. adoption, 79. grill, 80. subsequent, 81. flexibility, 82. panic, 83. undermine, 84. misunderstand

85. ne_____t to call *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
86. ex_____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
87. stand mixer fitted with the paddle
att_____nt *n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something
88. fo_____r two kids *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
89. carpentry wo_____op *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
90. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
91. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
92. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
93. ent_____tic football fan *adj.* having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something
94. gas gr__l *n.* a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill

ANSWERS: 85. neglect, 86. excite, 87. attachment, 88. foster, 89. workshop, 90. fantastic, 91. consequence, 92. relation, 93. enthusiastic, 94. grill

95. in_____e at reception *v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding
96. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
97. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
98. sh__e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
99. sh__e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
100. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
101. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
102. people with bipolar di_____er *n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions
103. bo___e back from failure *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
104. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
105. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

ANSWERS: 95. inquire, 96. communicate, 97. perspective, 98. shave, 99. shave, 100. discuss, 101. annoy, 102. disorder, 103. bounce, 104. headline, 105. undermine

106. as___s the quality *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
107. mass tr____t *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
108. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
109. bri____ly executed *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
110. app____ive mood *adj.* anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something
111. ba___r the eggs *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
112. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
113. de__y a flight three hours *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
114. 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

ANSWERS: 106. assess, 107. transit, 108. develop, 109. brilliantly, 110. apprehensive, 111. batter, 112. mess, 113. delay, 114. photograph

115. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
116. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
117. an aw_____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
118. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
119. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
120. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
121. publicly dis_____ve *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
122. q__d room *n.* (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes
123. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
124. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 115. absolutely, 116. approve, 117. awkward, 118. mimic, 119. empathy, 120. broad, 121. disapprove, 122. quad, 123. fantastic, 124. gender

125. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
126. an aw____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
127. sc__p of news *n.* a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else
128. elegant wa__z *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
129. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
130. si__t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
131. con_____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
132. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
133. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 125. tale, 126. awkward, 127. scoop, 128. waltz, 129. congratulation, 130. silent, 131. congratulation, 132. amazing, 133. pretension

134. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
135. wa__z music *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
136. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
137. as____s a tax of 10 pounds *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
138. needle pu_____re *n.* a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object
139. an_____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
140. ti____r with the settings *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
141. fe_____ty above replacement *n.* the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants
142. att_____nt to a formal plan *n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something
143. cross-co____n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
144. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

ANSWERS: 134. intelligent, 135. waltz, 136. reaction, 137. assess, 138. puncture, 139. announce, 140. tinker, 141. fertility, 142. attachment, 143. cousin, 144. abuse

145. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
146. q__d biking *n.* (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes
147. express my ap_____al *n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
148. app_____ive of danger *adj.* anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something
149. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
150. dis_____ve of the government *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
151. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
152. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
153. 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

ANSWERS: 145. norm, 146. quad, 147. approval, 148. apprehensive, 149. embarrass, 150. disapprove, 151. achieve, 152. mess, 153. process

154. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
155. th____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
156. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
157. city co____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
158. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
159. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
160. not nec____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
161. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
162. par____ing lesson *n.* a recreational activity in which a person is towed behind a boat, car, or other vehicles while attached to a parachute, usually to glide or soar through the air

ANSWERS: 154. tale, 155. threaten, 156. develop, 157. council, 158. broad, 159. panel, 160. necessarily, 161. threaten, 162. parascending

163. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
164. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
165. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
166. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
167. bo___e across the floor *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
168. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
169. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
170. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
171. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
172. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
173. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
174. n_g political leaders *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

ANSWERS: 163. annoy, 164. struggle, 165. misunderstand, 166. abuse, 167. bounce, 168. difficulty, 169. communicate, 170. mimic, 171. incredibly, 172. amazing, 173. permanent, 174. nag

175. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
176. sl____t increase *adj.* very small in degree or amount
177. bri_____ly lit *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
178. a written ap_____al *n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
179. ex_____t pipe *n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
180. g_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
181. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
182. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
183. 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
184. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

ANSWERS: 175. involve, 176. slight, 177. brilliantly, 178. approval, 179. exhaust, 180. gay, 181. embarrass, 182. pretension, 183. process, 184. slightly

185. musical th_____ck *n.* a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept
186. ap_____e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
187. dif_____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
188. par_____ing adventure *n.* a recreational activity in which a person is towed behind a boat, car, or other vehicles while attached to a parachute, usually to glide or soar through the air
189. feel a sl____t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount
190. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
191. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
192. a tr_____t visa *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
193. 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
194. do aw__l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
195. ex____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 185. throwback, 186. approve, 187. difficulty, 188. parascending, 189. slight, 190. complicated, 191. moral, 192. transit, 193. assume, 194. awful, 195. excite

196. ado_____nt girl *n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
197. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
198. 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
199. ne_____t ethical issues *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
200. tr____y room *n.* an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest

ANSWERS: 196. adolescent, 197. empathy, 198. photograph, 199. neglect, 200. trophy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.
adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
2. She is searching for a _____ residence.
adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
3. The _____ design of the interface made the operation difficult.
adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
4. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
5. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
6. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.
n. a condition or state that causes problems
7. The soccer team won the _____ after a hard-fought competition.
n. an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest
8. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

ANSWERS: 1. Intelligent, 2. permanent, 3. awkward, 4. perspective, 5. relations, 6. difficulty, 7. trophy, 8. abuse

9. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
10. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.
n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
11. Timely education about birth control might help reduce _____ pregnancies.
n. a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
12. Our company needs to _____ the business impact of climate change.
v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
13. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
14. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
15. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.
v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
16. Yoga is known to have _____ benefits for the mind and body.
adj. relating to or involved in the treatment of illness or injury

ANSWERS: 9. silent, 10. tales, 11. adolescent, 12. assess, 13. involves, 14. myth, 15. approve, 16. therapeutic

17. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

18. She was _____ about speaking in front of a large crowd.

adj. anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something

19. 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

20. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

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

21. I _____ of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.

v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

22. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

23. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

24. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

ANSWERS: 17. panic, 18. apprehensive, 19. process, 20. moral, 21. disapprove, 22. colleague, 23. cousins, 24. misunderstand

25. The ___ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.
adj. homosexual; happy, carefree
26. We dealt with those problems with speed and _____.
n. the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations
27. 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
28. We _____ the topic because it was too complicated.
v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
29. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
30. There was no _____ of a problem.
n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
31. The _____ jerseys the team wore were a big hit with the fans.
n. a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept
32. We met at the campus _____ to study for our upcoming exams.
n. (short for quadrangle) a square or rectangular open area or courtyard, often surrounded by buildings or used for recreational or social purposes

ANSWERS: 25. gay, 26. flexibility, 27. assumes, 28. skipped, 29. creative, 30. hint, 31. throwback, 32. quad

33. We made _____ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

adj. very small in degree or amount

34. He spent the afternoon _____ with his car engine.

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

35. I need to _____ about the details of the job interview.

v. to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding

36. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

37. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

38. They will _____ between various emotional states.

v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

39. 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

ANSWERS: 33. slight, 34. tinkering, 35. inquire, 36. pretensions, 37. develop, 38. bounce, 39. photograph

40. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

41. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

42. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

43. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

44. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

45. We _____ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

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

46. The beach resort is known for its top-notch _____ facilities, attracting adventure enthusiasts worldwide.

n. a recreational activity in which a person is towed behind a boat, car, or other vehicles while attached to a parachute, usually to glide or soar through the air

47. She couldn't stop _____ her husband to take out the trash.

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

ANSWERS: 40. awful, 41. exciting, 42. panel, 43. excited, 44. incredibly, 45. delayed, 46. parascending, 47. nagging

48. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
49. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
50. The little girl was a war _____ and lived in a group home.
n. a child whose parents are dead or have abandoned them
51. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
52. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
53. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
54. He got so angry that he _____ the door down.
v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
55. He identified as _____ and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.
adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
56. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.
adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

ANSWERS: 48. Empathy, 49. struggle, 50. orphan, 51. headline, 52. absolutely, 53. amazing, 54. battered, 55. heterosexual, 56. definitely

57. That supermarket tried to _____ certain costs by saving electricity.
v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
58. The doctor prescribed some medicine for the mental _____.
n. an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions
59. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
60. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.
v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
61. This accident was something that happened _____.
adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
62. The restaurant is famous for its _____ where they serve the best steaks.
n. a device used for cooking food by direct exposure to heat, typically a metal rack set over a fire or gas flame, or a part of an oven; (verb) to cook something over or under a grill
63. In the _____ meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.
adj. happening or occurring later or after something else
64. The artist held a _____ to teach students how to paint with watercolors.
n. a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

ANSWERS: 57. shave, 58. disorder, 59. reaction, 60. annoy, 61. necessarily, 62. grill, 63. subsequent, 64. workshop

65. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
66. The dancers practiced the steps of the _____ meticulously to perfect their performance.
- n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
67. The company's marketing team worked hard to get the _____ on what their target audience wanted.
- n.* a tool for lifting or moving substances in bulk, typically using a concave or spoon-shaped end; a piece of news that is obtained or published before anyone else
68. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
69. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
70. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
71. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
- n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

ANSWERS: 65. adopted, 66. waltz, 67. scoop, 68. discuss, 69. communicate, 70. norms, 71. council

72. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
- v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
73. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
- adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
74. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
- adj. extremely good; excellent
75. The judge may _____ the decision of the lower court.
- v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
76. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
77. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.
- v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
78. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.
- n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
79. The chef _____ the flavors of the spice blend to create the perfect marinade.
- v. to combine or blend, especially in a way that produces a harmonious or unified whole; to merge or fuse

ANSWERS: 72. mimic, 73. complicated, 74. fantastic, 75. uphold, 76. threatening, 77. undermine, 78. transit, 79. melded

80. She was _____ about starting her new job.

adj. having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something

81. The factory's _____ fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.

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

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

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

83. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

84. The sperm count is used as an indicator of male _____.

n. the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants

85. 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

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

adj. very wide; general

87. He played the piano _____ at the concert.

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

ANSWERS: 80. enthusiastic, 81. exhaust, 82. achieve, 83. mess, 84. fertility, 85. decide, 86. broad, 87. brilliantly

88. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.
- v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
89. The _____ process can be long and difficult, but it is worth it for the love of a child.
- n.* the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval
90. He moved his body _____ to the left.
- adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
91. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
- v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
92. The tire had a _____ and needed to be replaced.
- n.* a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object
93. This project took a lot of time to get the president's _____.
- n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
94. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.
- n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
95. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 88. fostering, 89. adoption, 90. slightly, 91. embarrass, 92. puncture, 93. approval, 94. congratulations, 95. gender

96. I have no _____ to the countryside.

n. a feeling of affection for someone or something

97. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

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

98. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

99. The third season of the anime show has been _____.

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

100. He _____ his health to make the project a success.

v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

ANSWERS: 96. attachment, 97. consequences, 98. negative, 99. announced, 100. neglected