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Session 1: Word List

journalist

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

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

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

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.

quintessence

n. the perfect example of a quality or class

synonym: essence, core, heart

(1) the **quintessence** of virtue, (2) **quintessence** of life

The **quintessence** of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.

hypnotic

adj. inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

synonym: soothing, soporific, slumberous

(1) mild **hypnotic**, (2) **hypnotic** effect

His voice had a **hypnotic** quality for me.

spellbound

adj. completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell

synonym: enraptured, captivated, entranced

(1) **spellbound** audience, (2) **spellbound** by her beauty

I was absolutely **spellbound** by the beauty of the sunset.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym: marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

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.

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.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

riverbank

n. the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes

synonym: riverside, embankment

(1) **riverbank** erosion, (2) walk along the **riverbank**

We enjoyed a picnic on the **riverbank** and watched the boats go by.

jungle

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

synonym: wilderness, forest

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

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

canoe

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

occasional

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

synonym: infrequent, sporadic, irregular

(1) **occasional** visitor, (2) **occasional** assistance

She only visited her grandparents on **occasional** weekends.

exotic

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

synonym: foreign, alien, unfamiliar

(1) **exotic** species, (2) **exotic** vacation

I love trying **exotic** foods from different cultures.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

firefly

n. a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark

(1) the glow of a **firefly**, (2) sparkle like **firefly**
In that country, there is a culture of eating live **firefly** squid.

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.

blink

v. to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

synonym: twinkle, flash, flicker

(1) **blink** his eyes, (2) **blink** in astonishment
He **blinked** in the dazzling sunlight.

whoop

v. to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise

synonym: yell, shout, cheer

(1) **whoop** with joy, (2) **whoop** it up at a party
The winning team began to **whoop** and holler with excitement.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches
The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

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**.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym: decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym: alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

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.

repetition

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

synonym: duplication, iteration, recurrence

(1) **repetition** of the word, (2) habitual **repetition**

Repetition is the mother of all learning.

neuron

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

synonym: nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

crackle

v. to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or

crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity

synonym: sizzle, hiss, snap

(1) **crackle** on the gravel road, (2) the **crackle** of the thunder

The firewood **crackled** and popped into the fireplace, sending sparks up the chimney.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

emigrate

v. to leave one's country or region to settle in another

synonym: migrate, relocate, move

(1) **emigrate** to a new country, (2) **emigrate** for better opportunities

Many people **emigrated** from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

identity

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

synonym: character, personality, individuality

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

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

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

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.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym: chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym: buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym: resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym: dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

heal

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

synonym: recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind

It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

rely

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

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

synonym: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair

The interests of the two countries **collide**.

consent

n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

synonym: approval, authorization, concession

(1) **consent** for surgery, (2) give silent **consent**
She gave her **consent** to the company's proposal.

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.

survivor

n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

synonym: subsister

(1) ovarian cancer **survivor**, (2) a single **survivor**
The shipwreck **survivor** was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

perpetrator

n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

synonym: culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**
The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**
The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

clash

n. a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something

synonym: blow, conflict, disagreement

(1) a **clash** of viewpoints, (2) a **clash** between the two task forces
Her dress was a disturbing **clash** of colors.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

jury

n. a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task

synonym: panel, tribunal, adjudicators

(1) **jury** verdict, (2) **jury** duty

The judge instructed the **jury** on the law and the evidence presented in the trial.

detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

synonym: hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

dispute

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

synonym: argument, disagreement, quarrel

(1) a legal **dispute** over the title, (2) **dispute** settlement

The **dispute** over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

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.

sigh

v. to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of

exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way

synonym: breathe out, exhale, groan

(1) **sigh** deeply, (2) let out a **sigh**

He **sighed** in relief when he finally found his lost keys.

capture

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

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

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.

noun

n. a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects

(1) **noun** phrase, (2) proper **noun**

In some foreign languages, the gender of **nouns** exists.

verb

n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

(1) complex **verb**, (2) an auxiliary **verb**

Use a singular **verb** if the subject is singular.

cruise

n. a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace

synonym: sail, voyage, journey

(1) the **cruise** line, (2) adaptive **cruise** control

The family took a **cruise** to the Caribbean for their vacation.

viewpoint

n. a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

synonym: outlook, stance, perspective

(1) a scientific **viewpoint**, (2) aesthetic **viewpoint**

We looked at this issue from a different **viewpoint**.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

stick

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

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

saint

n. a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

synonym: holy person, martyr, angel

(1) **saint** statue, (2) the departed **saint**

The faithful follower venerated the **saint's** relic.

glimmer

n. a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something

synonym: gleam, dazzle, gleam

(1) without a **glimmer** of truth, (2) give a **glimmer** of light

There is however a **glimmer** of hope.

epiphany

n. a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

synonym: revelation, enlightenment, insight

(1) **epiphany** about life, (2) Feast of **Epiphany**

She had an **epiphany** while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

departure

n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey

synonym: leaving, exit, flight

(1) **departure** from tradition, (2) **departure** from the company

The **departure** time for the flight is 6:00 am.

intuition

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

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

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

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

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.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**
Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym: landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

undeniable

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

synonym: absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece

Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

conceit

n. an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance
synonym: vanity, egotism, self-importance

(1) full of **conceit**, (2) puffed up with **conceit**

His vain **conceit** made it difficult for him to work well with others.

discography

n. a complete list or catalog of a musician's or musical group's recordings, typically arranged chronologically
synonym: record collection, complete works, discology

(1) complete **discography**, (2) **discography** album

The band's **discography** spans over four decades of hits.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

homesick

adj. feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time

synonym: nostalgic, longing, yearning

(1) suffer from **homesick**, (2) **homesick** for home

The military personnel stationed overseas often feel **homesick** for their loved ones.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

scrawny

adj. excessively thin or skinny, often in an unattractive or unhealthy way

synonym: thin, skinny, emaciated

(1) **scrawny** cat, (2) **scrawny** appearance
He was always insecure about his **scrawny** physique.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

synonym: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack

In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym: missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

replica

n. an exact copy of something such as a work of art

synonym: imitation, reproduction, replication

(1) miniature **replica**, (2) exact **replica**

An artist sculpted a full-size **replica** of her body.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

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

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

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.

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.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym: wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel

He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

nephew

n. a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

bodyguard

n. a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

synonym: protector, guard, defender

(1) VIP **bodyguard**, (2) elite **bodyguard** unit

The celebrity hired a personal **bodyguard** to protect them from the paparazzi.

whim

n. a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained

synonym: fancy, caprice, whimsy

(1) at the **whim** of circumstance, (2) **whim** of youth

He quit his job on a **whim** and moved to a new city.

dirt

n. soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

synonym: filth, grime, muck

(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track

The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.

giant

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

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

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

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

lore

n. traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature

synonym: mythology, legend, tradition

(1) military **lore**, (2) mythological **lore**

The village's **lore** passed down stories of their ancestors and their traditions.

hallowed

adj. considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect

synonym: sanctified, sacred, revered

(1) **hallowed** tradition, (2) **hallowed** memory

The church was considered a **hallowed** ground for the community, where their ancestors had worshiped for generations.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

butterfly

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym: circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

migration

n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

synonym: exodus

(1) the **migration** of birds, (2) overseas **migration**

There was a **migration** of impoverished farmers into the towns.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

porch

n. a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards

synonym: veranda, balcony, deck

(1) **porch** light, (2) a glass **porch**

The old rocking chair on the **porch** creaked as he sat down to read his book.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym: skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

vivid

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

synonym: intense, powerful, dazzling

(1) **vivid** colors, (2) still **vivid** in my memory

She made a **vivid** impression.

resin

n. a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance

synonym: sap, gum, pitch

(1) tree **resin**, (2) synthetic **resin**

The guitar was coated with a **resin** layer to protect the wood and enhance the tone.

trap

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

synonym: catch, snare, pinfall

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

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

immigrant

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

synonym: settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

musicology

n. the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music

synonym: musical scholarship, music theory

(1) **musicology** professor, (2) **musicology** research

The **musicology** conference held last year brought together scholars from all around the world.

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.

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.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever

imagined before.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym: envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

sue

v. to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress

synonym: accuse, plead, file

(1) **sue** a company for damages, (2) **sue** my boss for harassment

He planned to **sue** the organization for negligence.

patriarchal

adj. relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated

synonym: male-dominated, paternalistic

(1) **patriarchal** society, (2) **patriarchal** government

The **patriarchal** system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.

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.

entertainer

n. a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy

synonym: performer, artist, showman

(1) **entertainer** of the year, (2) comedy **entertainer**

The dancer is a talented **entertainer** who captivates her audience with graceful movements.

summarize

v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

synonym: recap, outline, digest

(1) **summarizes** the main ideas, (2) **summarize** text

Each chapter **summarizes** the most critical issues.

zoom

v. to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

synonym: move quickly, dive, buzz

(1) **zoom** in on a photo, (2) **zoom** lens

He **zoomed** back in time to the soccer game.

clue

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

synonym: hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

fetish

n. an intense or irrational devotion or interest in something, often sexual one; an object or item that is believed to have magical or spiritual powers or significance

synonym: obsession, fixation, mania

(1) **fetish** object, (2) sexual **fetish**

She had a **fetish** for cleanliness and would spend hours

cleaning her house.

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.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

revelation

n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

synonym: disclosure, telling, annunciation

(1) a divine **revelation**, (2) the **revelation** of a secret

The shocking **revelation** embarrassed the administration.

psychotherapy

n. the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist

(1) field of **psychotherapy**, (2) **psychotherapy** for depression

He took **psychotherapy** to help him deal with his accident trauma.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same
Essentially, a society is an organism.

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.

autonomous

adj. capable of governing or controlling its affairs

synonym: independent, self-governing, self-reliant

(1) development of **autonomous** vehicles, (2) an **autonomous** judiciary

Five of the six provinces will become **autonomous** regions under the new federal system of government.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym: shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym: acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

entity

n. something that exists independently and has its own identity

synonym: body, object, existent

(1) legal **entity**, (2) government **entity**

A company is a distinct legal **entity**.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. permanent br__n damage | <i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling |
| 2. musical ins_____nts | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 3. complex v__b | <i>n.</i> a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience |
| 4. an und_____le fact | <i>adj.</i> not possible to deny; true or certain |
| 5. d__t road | <i>n.</i> soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock |
| 6. ho_____le smell | <i>adj.</i> extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust |
| 7. a warm no_____ia | <i>n.</i> a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past |
| 8. r__y on convenience stores | <i>v.</i> to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed. |
| 9. a theoretical concept in
neu_____nce | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system |

ANSWERS: 1. brain, 2. instrument, 3. verb, 4. undeniable, 5. dirt, 6. horrible, 7. nostalgia, 8. rely, 9. neuroscience

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| 10. em____te for better opportunities | v. | to leave one's country or region to settle in another |
| 11. wh__p it up at a party | v. | to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise |
| 12. still vi__d in my memory | adj. | producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind |
| 13. s_e my boss for harassment | v. | to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress |
| 14. em____te to a new country | v. | to leave one's country or region to settle in another |
| 15. creative in____on | n. | the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why |
| 16. cr____e on the gravel road | v. | to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity |
| 17. su___r bad grades | v. | to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant |

ANSWERS: 10. emigrate, 11. whoop, 12. vivid, 13. sue, 14. emigrate, 15. intuition, 16. crackle, 17. suffer

18. co___t mistakes	<i>v.</i> to do something illegal or wrong
19. ha____ed memory	<i>adj.</i> considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect
20. a single su____or	<i>n.</i> a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
21. co_____ct a 3D image	<i>v.</i> to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
22. tw__t around to the left	<i>v.</i> to bend or turn something into a certain shape
23. joint rec_____on	<i>n.</i> the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
24. a China-based jou_____st	<i>n.</i> a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
25. su___r a setback	<i>v.</i> to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
26. je_____sy feeling towards another person	<i>n.</i> a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
27. the departed sa__t	<i>n.</i> a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
28. a friendly con_____ion	<i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 18. commit, 19. hallowed, 20. survivor, 21. construct, 22. twist, 23. recognition, 24. journalist, 25. suffer, 26. jealousy, 27. saint, 28. conversation

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| 29. st____ht for two months | <i>adj.</i> extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations |
| 30. n__n phrase | <i>n.</i> a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects |
| 31. no_____ia trip | <i>n.</i> a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past |
| 32. fire st__k | <i>v.</i> to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material |
| 33. in a co_____ed relationship | <i>adj.</i> willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something |
| 34. t__p an animal | <i>n.</i> a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping |
| 35. classic arc_____ure | <i>n.</i> the art and science of designing and constructing buildings |
| 36. personal na_____ve | <i>n.</i> a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story |
| 37. co___t suicide | <i>v.</i> to do something illegal or wrong |
| 38. excite the ne___ns | <i>n.</i> a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body |

ANSWERS: 29. straight, 30. noun, 31. nostalgia, 32. stick, 33. committed, 34. trap, 35. architecture, 36. narrative, 37. commit, 38. neuron

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| 39. ovarian cancer su____or | <i>n.</i> a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died |
| 40. pat_____al society | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated |
| 41. qui_____nce of life | <i>n.</i> the perfect example of a quality or class |
| 42. local vi_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community |
| 43. re_____e a dispute | <i>v.</i> to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty |
| 44. j__y verdict | <i>n.</i> a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task |
| 45. strong and co_____ed sales staff | <i>adj.</i> willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something |
| 46. w__m of youth | <i>n.</i> a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained |
| 47. burn with je_____sy | <i>n.</i> a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire |
| 48. low-r_v engine | <i>n.</i> a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute |

ANSWERS: 39. survivor, 40. patriarchal, 41. quintessence, 42. villager, 43. resolve, 44. jury, 45. committed, 46. whim, 47. jealousy, 48. rev

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| 49. ha____ed tradition | <i>adj.</i> considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect |
| 50. the rev_____on of a secret | <i>n.</i> a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency |
| 51. suffer from ho____ck | <i>adj.</i> feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time |
| 52. pat_____al government | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated |
| 53. basic br__n function | <i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling |
| 54. let out a s__h | <i>v.</i> to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way |
| 55. ri_____nk erosion | <i>n.</i> the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes |
| 56. full of co____t | <i>n.</i> an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance |

ANSWERS: 49. hallowed, 50. revelation, 51. homesick, 52. patriarchal, 53. brain, 54. sigh, 55. riverbank, 56. conceit

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| 57. mo_____nt of troops | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 58. without a gl_____r of truth | <i>n.</i> a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something |
| 59. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl | <i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly |
| 60. decision-making pr_____s | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 61. re_____e the computer error | <i>v.</i> to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty |
| 62. military l___e | <i>n.</i> traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature |
| 63. government en____y | <i>n.</i> something that exists independently and has its own identity |
| 64. in_____t ancestral property | <i>v.</i> to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died |
| 65. the per_____ve of the battle | <i>n.</i> a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something |

ANSWERS: 57. movement, 58. glimmer, 59. absolutely, 60. process, 61. resolve, 62. lore, 63. entity, 64. inherit, 65. perspective

66. toxic ch____als	<i>adj.</i> relating to or connected with chemistry;
67. junior fe____w	<i>adj.</i> someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
68. nieces and ne____ws	<i>n.</i> a son of your brother or sister
69. a com____ed process	<i>adj.</i> involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
70. im____nt communities	<i>n.</i> a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
71. sc____y appearance	<i>adj.</i> excessively thin or skinny, often in an unattractive or unhealthy way
72. aesthetic vi____nt	<i>n.</i> a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
73. complete dis____hy	<i>n.</i> a complete list or catalog of a musician's or musical group's recordings, typically arranged chronologically
74. h__l the hurt mind	<i>v.</i> to make a wound or injury to become well again
75. the longstanding co____ct	<i>n.</i> a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
76. a cl____c experiment	<i>adj.</i> judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

ANSWERS: 66. chemical, 67. fellow, 68. nephew, 69. complicated, 70. immigrant, 71. scrawny, 72. viewpoint, 73. discography, 74. heal, 75. conflict, 76. classic

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| 77. ep____ny about life | <i>n.</i> a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus |
| 78. a st____ht line | <i>adj.</i> extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations |
| 79. give sm____ng results | <i>adj.</i> very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed |
| 80. rep____on of the word | <i>n.</i> the act of doing or saying something many times |
| 81. pa__c buying | <i>n.</i> a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action |
| 82. jou____st on a magazine | <i>n.</i> a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media |
| 83. pr____s improvement | <i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products |
| 84. r__y entirely on him | <i>v.</i> to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed. |

ANSWERS: 77. epiphany, 78. straight, 79. smashing, 80. repetition, 81. panic, 82. journalist, 83. process, 84. rely

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| 85. ge__e of music | <i>n.</i> a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics |
| 86. habitual rep_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of doing or saying something many times |
| 87. el_____te contestants | <i>v.</i> to remove or get rid of someone or something |
| 88. d__t track | <i>n.</i> soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock |
| 89. po__h light | <i>n.</i> a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards |
| 90. z__m in on a photo | <i>v.</i> to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air |
| 91. a pa__c reaction | <i>n.</i> a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action |
| 92. surgical ins_____nts | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 93. the most am_____g feeling | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire |
| 94. co_____e head-on | <i>v.</i> to hit something violently when moving |
| 95. arc_____ure design | <i>n.</i> the art and science of designing and constructing buildings |

ANSWERS: 85. genre, 86. repetition, 87. eliminate, 88. dirt, 89. porch, 90. zoom, 91. panic, 92. instrument, 93. amazing, 94. collide, 95. architecture

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| 96. ca__e a statue | <i>v.</i> to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply |
| 97. con_____ion in English | <i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc. |
| 98. three-year-old ne___w | <i>n.</i> a son of your brother or sister |
| 99. a benefit co_____t | <i>n.</i> a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers |
| 100. sp_____al leader | <i>adj.</i> relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things |
| 101. bu_____ly effect | <i>n.</i> a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings |
| 102. occ_____al visitor | <i>adj.</i> happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular |
| 103. spe_____nd audience | <i>adj.</i> completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell |
| 104. give a gl_____r of light | <i>n.</i> a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something |
| 105. s__h deeply | <i>v.</i> to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way |
| 106. pi___n on the roof | <i>n.</i> a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food |

ANSWERS: 96. carve, 97. conversation, 98. nephew, 99. concert, 100. spiritual, 101. butterfly, 102. occasional, 103. spellbound, 104. glimmer, 105. sigh, 106. pigeon

107. psy_____apy for depression	<i>n.</i> the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
108. an im_____nt from the country	<i>n.</i> a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
109. the co_____ct between good and evil	<i>n.</i> a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
110. the mi_____on of birds	<i>n.</i> the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
111. z__m lens	<i>v.</i> to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
112. at the w__m of circumstance	<i>n.</i> a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
113. co_____e fantasy with reality	<i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
114. the qui_____nce of virtue	<i>n.</i> the perfect example of a quality or class
115. become ess_____ly same	<i>adv.</i> relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
116. syn_____ze movements	<i>v.</i> to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
117. re_____on between cause and effect	<i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
118. inc_____gly become common	<i>adv.</i> more and more
119. in_____on research	<i>n.</i> the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

ANSWERS: 107. psychotherapy, 108. immigrant, 109. conflict, 110. migration, 111. zoom, 112. whim, 113. confuse, 114. quintessence, 115. essentially, 116. synchronize, 117. relation, 118. increasingly, 119. intuition

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| 120. dis_____hy album | <i>n.</i> a complete list or catalog of a musician's or musical group's recordings, typically arranged chronologically |
| 121. mild hy_____ic | <i>adj.</i> inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion |
| 122. disarm the b__b | <i>n.</i> a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something |
| 123. miniature re_____a | <i>n.</i> an exact copy of something such as a work of art |
| 124. im_____ry pregnancy | <i>adj.</i> existing only in someone's mind |
| 125. establish a par_____ip | <i>n.</i> the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business |
| 126. sexual fe____h | <i>n.</i> an intense or irrational devotion or interest in something, often sexual one; an object or item that is believed to have magical or spiritual powers or significance |
| 127. a scientific vi_____nt | <i>n.</i> a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty |
| 128. ex____c species | <i>adj.</i> originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing |
| 129. de_____re from the company | <i>n.</i> the act of leaving, especially to start a journey |

ANSWERS: 120. discography, 121. hypnotic, 122. bomb, 123. replica, 124. imaginary, 125. partnership, 126. fetish, 127. viewpoint, 128. exotic, 129. departure

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| 130. a divine rev_____on | <i>n.</i> a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency |
| 131. c__p wood | <i>v.</i> to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife |
| 132. ca__e race | <i>n.</i> a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle |
| 133. occ_____al assistance | <i>adj.</i> happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular |
| 134. r_v up the crowd | <i>n.</i> a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute |
| 135. int_____te an enemy soldier | <i>v.</i> to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner |
| 136. a good grounding in mat_____cs | <i>n.</i> the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement |
| 137. sa__t statue | <i>n.</i> a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion |
| 138. legal en____y | <i>n.</i> something that exists independently and has its own identity |

ANSWERS: 130. revelation, 131. chop, 132. canoe, 133. occasional, 134. rev, 135. interrogate, 136. mathematics, 137. saint, 138. entity

139. v__y directly with the price	<i>v.</i> to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
140. em_____al distress	<i>adj.</i> relating to people's feelings
141. puffed up with co_____t	<i>n.</i> an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance
142. am_____g advances	<i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
143. el_____te sexual barriers	<i>v.</i> to remove or get rid of someone or something
144. co_____t for surgery	<i>n.</i> permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
145. vi_____er community	<i>n.</i> a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
146. atomic b__bs	<i>n.</i> a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
147. courtroom sto_____ing	<i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories
148. a bu__h of schoolgirls	<i>n.</i> a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
149. an aut_____us judiciary	<i>adj.</i> capable of governing or controlling its affairs
150. elite bo_____rd unit	<i>n.</i> a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

ANSWERS: 139. vary, 140. emotional, 141. conceit, 142. amazing, 143. eliminate, 144. consent, 145. villager, 146. bomb, 147. storytelling, 148. bunch, 149. autonomous, 150. bodyguard

151. sparkle like fi____y	<i>n.</i> a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
152. ne____n cell body	<i>n.</i> a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
153. listen to a po____t	<i>n.</i> a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
154. the in____on of new techniques	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
155. sp____le lens	<i>n.</i> something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
156. the cr____e line	<i>n.</i> a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace
157. ho____le accident	<i>adj.</i> extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
158. a circular mo____nt	<i>n.</i> 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
159. a legal di____e over the title	<i>n.</i> a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

ANSWERS: 151. firefly, 152. neuron, 153. podcast, 154. invention, 155. spectacle, 156. cruise, 157. horrible, 158. movement, 159. dispute

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| 160. bl__k in astonishment | <i>v.</i> to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way |
| 161. ca_____e a glimpse | <i>v.</i> to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape |
| 162. mu___l efforts | <i>adj.</i> common to or shared by two or more parties |
| 163. se_____te video into chapter | <i>v.</i> to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different |
| 164. na_____ve poetry | <i>n.</i> a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story |
| 165. syn_____ze our watches | <i>v.</i> to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate |
| 166. Feast of Ep_____ny | <i>n.</i> a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus |
| 167. tree re__n | <i>n.</i> a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance |
| 168. ent_____er of the year | <i>n.</i> a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy |

ANSWERS: 160. blink, 161. capture, 162. mutual, 163. separate, 164. narrative, 165. synchronize, 166. epiphany, 167. resin, 168. entertainer

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| 169. ca__e my name on the plate | <i>v.</i> to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply |
| 170. the inland of a co_____nt | <i>n.</i> one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex |
| 171. synthetic re__n | <i>n.</i> a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance |
| 172. mat_____cs competition | <i>n.</i> the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement |
| 173. an auxiliary v__b | <i>n.</i> a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience |
| 174. ho_____ck for home | <i>adj.</i> feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time |
| 175. a ra___m choice | <i>adj.</i> made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern |
| 176. field of psy_____apy | <i>n.</i> the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist |
| 177. de___n a terrorist | <i>v.</i> to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving |

ANSWERS: 169. carve, 170. continent, 171. resin, 172. mathematics, 173. verb, 174. homesick, 175. random, 176. psychotherapy, 177. detain

178. co_____ct a dam	<i>v.</i> to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
179. overseas mi_____on	<i>n.</i> the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
180. adaptive cr___e control	<i>n.</i> a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace
181. vi__d colors	<i>adj.</i> producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
182. de___n for investigation	<i>v.</i> to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
183. a c__e about the crime	<i>n.</i> an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
184. s_e a company for damages	<i>v.</i> to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
185. 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
186. a ch_____al compound	<i>adj.</i> relating to or connected with chemistry;
187. share of a mu___l fund	<i>adj.</i> common to or shared by two or more parties
188. comedy ent_____er	<i>n.</i> a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy

ANSWERS: 178. construct, 179. migration, 180. cruise, 181. vivid, 182. detain, 183. clue, 184. sue, 185. genre, 186. chemical, 187. mutual, 188. entertainer

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| 189. mythological l__e | <i>n.</i> traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature |
| 190. positive feedback l__p | <i>n.</i> a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself |
| 191. su_____ze text | <i>v.</i> to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something |
| 192. in_____t estate | <i>v.</i> to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died |
| 193. tw__t a wet towel | <i>v.</i> to bend or turn something into a certain shape |
| 194. co_____e in midair | <i>v.</i> to hit something violently when moving |
| 195. de_____cy advocate | <i>n.</i> a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so |
| 196. walk along the ri_____nk | <i>n.</i> the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes |
| 197. give silent co_____t | <i>n.</i> permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority |
| 198. si__e off the hair over the flames | <i>v.</i> to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake |

ANSWERS: 189. lore, 190. loop, 191. summarize, 192. inherit, 193. twist, 194. collide, 195. democracy, 196. riverbank, 197. consent, 198. singe

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| 199. fairly ty____l symptoms | <i>adj.</i> having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things |
| 200. set a t__p | <i>n.</i> a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping |
| 201. give si___t consent | <i>adj.</i> without any or little sound |
| 202. st__k a key in a lock | <i>v.</i> to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material |
| 203. id____ty as an individual | <i>n.</i> the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another |
| 204. the branch of neu_____nce | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system |
| 205. mus_____gy professor | <i>n.</i> the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music |
| 206. constant sp_____al striving | <i>adj.</i> relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things |
| 207. rec_____on award | <i>n.</i> the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal |

ANSWERS: 199. typical, 200. trap, 201. silent, 202. stick, 203. identity, 204. neuroscience, 205. musicology, 206. spiritual, 207. recognition

208. the cr____e of the thunder *v.* to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity
209. commit su____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
210. a c__e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
211. VIP bo____rd *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
212. su____e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
213. a cl__h of viewpoints *n.* a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something
214. c__p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
215. em____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
216. ca____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 208. crackle, 209. suicide, 210. clue, 211. bodyguard, 212. suicide, 213. clash, 214. chop, 215. emotional, 216. capture

217. fe___h object	<i>n.</i> an intense or irrational devotion or interest in something, often sexual one; an object or item that is believed to have magical or spiritual powers or significance
218. bl__k his eyes	<i>v.</i> to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
219. gi__t tech company	<i>adj.</i> enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
220. proper n__n	<i>n.</i> a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects
221. become increasingly com_____ed	<i>adj.</i> involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
222. development of aut_____us vehicles	<i>adj.</i> capable of governing or controlling its affairs
223. a l__n horse	<i>adj.</i> having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
224. ju___e exploration	<i>n.</i> an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
225. abs_____ly against	<i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
226. spe_____nd by her beauty	<i>adj.</i> completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell
227. bombs fell at ra___m	<i>adj.</i> made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 217. fetish, 218. blink, 219. giant, 220. noun, 221. complicated, 222. autonomous, 223. lean, 224. jungle, 225. absolutely, 226. spellbound, 227. random

228. ty____l leader	<i>adj.</i> having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
229. d__g a chair over	<i>v.</i> to pull or haul with force
230. su_____zes the main ideas	<i>v.</i> to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
231. ex___c vacation	<i>adj.</i> originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
232. have a co_____t again	<i>n.</i> a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
233. st_____le against discrimination	<i>v.</i> to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
234. mistaken id_____ty	<i>n.</i> the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
235. wh__p with joy	<i>v.</i> to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
236. d__g a team down	<i>v.</i> to pull or haul with force
237. sto_____ing performance	<i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories
238. ess_____ly correct	<i>adv.</i> relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
239. a glass po__h	<i>n.</i> a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards

ANSWERS: 228. typical, 229. drag, 230. summarize, 231. exotic, 232. concert, 233. struggle, 234. identity, 235. whoop, 236. drag, 237. storytelling, 238. essentially, 239. porch

240. j__y duty	<i>n.</i> a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
241. a racing pi___n	<i>n.</i> a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
242. h__l a broken bone	<i>v.</i> to make a wound or injury to become well again
243. exact re____a	<i>n.</i> an exact copy of something such as a work of art
244. a per____ve view	<i>n.</i> a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
245. face inc____gly complicated challenges	<i>adv.</i> more and more
246. a cl__h between the two task forces	<i>n.</i> a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something
247. im____ry number	<i>adj.</i> existing only in someone's mind
248. si__t reading	<i>adj.</i> without any or little sound
249. si__e the edges of a fabric	<i>v.</i> to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
250. di____e settlement	<i>n.</i> a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

ANSWERS: 240. jury, 241. pigeon, 242. heal, 243. replica, 244. perspective, 245. increasingly, 246. clash, 247. imaginary, 248. silent, 249. singe, 250. dispute

251. culprit per_____or	<i>n.</i> a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
252. principles of de_____cy	<i>n.</i> a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
253. common in_____on	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
254. se_____te cream from milk	<i>v.</i> to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
255. re_____on of inclusion	<i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
256. sc_____y cat	<i>adj.</i> excessively thin or skinny, often in an unattractive or unhealthy way
257. pretty sp_____le	<i>n.</i> something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
258. exit from a l__p	<i>n.</i> a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
259. par_____ip across the Atlantic	<i>n.</i> the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
260. an und_____le masterpiece	<i>adj.</i> not possible to deny; true or certain

ANSWERS: 251. perpetrator, 252. democracy, 253. invention, 254. separate, 255. relation, 256. scrawny, 257. spectacle, 258. loop, 259. partnership, 260. undeniable

261. Chinese cl____c literature	<i>adj.</i> judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
262. mus____gy research	<i>n.</i> the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music
263. per____or identity	<i>n.</i> a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
264. de____re from tradition	<i>n.</i> the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
265. co____e the listener	<i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
266. co____nt urinary diversion	<i>n.</i> one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
267. middle of the ju____e	<i>n.</i> an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
268. football po____t	<i>n.</i> a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
269. the glow of a fi____y	<i>n.</i> a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
270. l__n athletic figure	<i>adj.</i> having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

ANSWERS: 261. classic, 262. musicology, 263. perpetrator, 264. departure, 265. confuse, 266. continent, 267. jungle, 268. podcast, 269. firefly, 270. lean

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| 271. make a ca__e trip | <i>n.</i> a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle |
| 272. a sm_____ng blow | <i>adj.</i> very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed |
| 273. the life cycle of a bu_____ly | <i>n.</i> a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings |
| 274. gi__t trees | <i>adj.</i> enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are |
| 275. nice fe___w | <i>adj.</i> someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you |
| 276. a bu__h of trees | <i>n.</i> a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together |
| 277. int_____ted by police | <i>v.</i> to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner |
| 278. hy_____ic effect | <i>adj.</i> inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion |
| 279. st_____le to get the job | <i>v.</i> to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction |
| 280. v__y according to the age | <i>v.</i> to become different in terms of size, shape, etc. |

ANSWERS: 271. canoe, 272. smashing, 273. butterfly, 274. giant, 275. fellow, 276. bunch, 277. interrogate, 278. hypnotic, 279. struggle, 280. vary

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She gave her _____ to the company's proposal.
n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
2. The old rocking chair on the _____ creaked as he sat down to read his book.
n. a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
3. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
4. In that country, there is a culture of eating live _____ squid.
n. a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
5. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
6. _____ is the mother of all learning.
n. the act of doing or saying something many times
7. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.
n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

ANSWERS: 1. consent, 2. porch, 3. committed, 4. firefly, 5. Lean, 6. Repetition, 7. butterfly

8. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
9. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
10. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
11. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
12. She made a _____ impression.
adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
13. The celebrity hired a personal _____ to protect them from the paparazzi.
n. a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
14. We enjoyed a picnic on the _____ and watched the boats go by.
n. the land along the edge of a river, often used for recreation or agricultural purposes
15. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.
v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
16. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.
v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

ANSWERS: 8. absolutely, 9. amazing, 10. bombs, 11. narrative, 12. vivid, 13. bodyguard, 14. riverbank, 15. detained, 16. twisted

17. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
18. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
- n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
19. The family took a _____ to the Caribbean for their vacation.
- n.* a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace
20. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately _____ the witness.
- v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
21. She only visited her grandparents on _____ weekends.
- adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
22. He took _____ to help him deal with his accident trauma.
- n.* the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
23. 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
24. He _____ in relief when he finally found his lost keys.
- v.* to emit a deep, audible breath or sound, often expressing feelings of tiredness, frustration, or relief; to express longing, wish, or regret; (noun) the act of exhaling audibly in a long, deep, and often melancholy way

ANSWERS: 17. Democracy, 18. intuitions, 19. cruise, 20. interrogate, 21. occasional, 22. psychotherapy, 23. struggle, 24. sighed

25. Her dress was a disturbing _____ of colors.

- n.* a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something

26. He was always insecure about his _____ physique.

- adj.* excessively thin or skinny, often in an unattractive or unhealthy way

27. The interests of the two countries _____.

- v.* to hit something violently when moving

28. The shipwreck _____ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

- n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

29. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

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

30. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.

- v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

31. She had a _____ for cleanliness and would spend hours cleaning her house.

- n.* an intense or irrational devotion or interest in something, often sexual one; an object or item that is believed to have magical or spiritual powers or significance

32. The garden was filled with _____ and needed to be tilled before planting.

- n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

ANSWERS: 25. clash, 26. scrawny, 27. collide, 28. survivor, 29. identity, 30. carved, 31. fetish, 32. dirt

33. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

34. He _____ in the dazzling sunlight.

v. to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

35. Many people _____ from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

v. to leave one's country or region to settle in another

36. 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

37. The shocking _____ embarrassed the administration.

n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

38. The judge instructed the _____ on the law and the evidence presented in the trial.

n. a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task

39. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

40. 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

ANSWERS: 33. classic, 34. blinked, 35. emigrated, 36. genre-busting, 37. revelation, 38. jury, 39. suffers, 40. relations

41. 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

42. The _____ system that many societies have is outdated and unfair to women.

- adj.* relating to or characteristic of a society or system in which men hold the dominant roles and positions of power; male-dominated

43. Necessity is the mother of _____.

- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

44. 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

45. The band's new album was a _____ success, reaching the top of the charts.

- adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

46. The faithful follower venerated the _____ relic.

- n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

47. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.

- n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

48. He _____ back in time to the soccer game.

- v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

ANSWERS: 41. brain, 42. patriarchal, 43. invention, 44. podcast, 45. smashing, 46. saint's, 47. architecture, 48. zoomed

49. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

50. This village is still in a dense _____.

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

51. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

52. The _____ time for the flight is 6:00 am.

n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey

53. The dancer is a talented _____ who captivates her audience with graceful movements.

n. a performer who provides amusement or enjoyment to an audience, often through acting, music, dancing, or comedy

54. It will take time for her mental scars to _____.

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

55. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

56. 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

ANSWERS: 49. confused, 50. jungle, 51. spiritual, 52. departure, 53. entertainer, 54. heal, 55. nostalgia, 56. process

57. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.

- v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something

58. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

59. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

- n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

60. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

61. We looked at this issue from a different _____.

- n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

62. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

- adv.* more and more

63. In some foreign languages, the gender of _____ exists.

- n.* a word that generally functions as the name of a specific object or set of objects

64. He planned to ____ the organization for negligence.

- v.* to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress

ANSWERS: 57. eliminate, 58. constructs, 59. jealousy, 60. separate, 61. viewpoint, 62. increasingly, 63. nouns, 64. sue

65. This artist always packs the _____ halls.

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

66. After his death, his sons _____ his business.

- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

67. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

68. The enemy fell right into the _____.

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

69. The police have not yet caught the _____ of the crime.

- n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

70. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

- n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

71. The band's _____ spans over four decades of hits.

- n.* a complete list or catalog of a musician's or musical group's recordings, typically arranged chronologically

72. The firewood _____ and popped into the fireplace, sending sparks up the chimney.

- v.* to make a succession of slight popping sounds, often due to the heating or drying of some materials, such as firewood, paper, plastic, or food; to snap, crack, or crunch; (noun) a series of sharp, popping sounds that are caused by the rapid expansion and contraction of a material, such as wood or paper, due to changes in temperature or humidity

ANSWERS: 65. concert, 66. inherited, 67. storytelling, 68. trap, 69. perpetrator, 70. recognition, 71. discography, 72. crackled

73. My _____ is eight months old and still being breastfed.

n. a son of your brother or sister

74. 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

75. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

76. The church was considered a _____ ground for the community, where their ancestors had worshiped for generations.

adj. considered holy or sacred; deserving of reverence or respect

77. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.

v. to do something illegal or wrong

78. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

79. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

80. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

v. to pull or haul with force

ANSWERS: 73. nephew, 74. panic, 75. silent, 76. hallowed, 77. committed, 78. continent, 79. rev, 80. dragged

81. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

82. The military personnel stationed overseas often feel _____ for their loved ones.

adj. feeling sad or nostalgic for one's home, family, or familiar surroundings, especially when away from them for a significant length of time

83. The _____ of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.

n. the perfect example of a quality or class

84. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

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

adj. relating to people's feelings

86. He quit his job on a _____ and moved to a new city.

n. a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained

87. Each chapter _____ the most critical issues.

v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

88. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

89. His voice had a _____ quality for me.

adj. inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

ANSWERS: 81. Essentially, 82. homesick, 83. quintessence, 84. imaginary, 85. emotional, 86. whim, 87. summarizes, 88. synchronized, 89. hypnotic

90. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

91. Our body transfers information along each _____ using an electrical impulse.

- n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

92. The cook _____ the vegetables for the soup.

- v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

93. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.

- n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

94. Five of the six provinces will become _____ regions under the new federal system of government.

- adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs

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

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

96. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

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

97. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.

- n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

ANSWERS: 90. conversation, 91. neuron, 92. chopped, 93. clue, 94. autonomous, 95. capture, 96. random, 97. neuroscience

98. 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

99. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

- n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

100. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.

- adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties

101. An artist sculpted a full-size _____ of her body.

- n.* an exact copy of something such as a work of art

102. The guitar was coated with a _____ layer to protect the wood and enhance the tone.

- n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance

103. I love trying _____ foods from different cultures.

- adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

104. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

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

ANSWERS: 98. movement, 99. villagers, 100. mutual, 101. replica, 102. resin, 103. exotic, 104. perspective

105. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

106. The _____ over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

107. The _____ conference held last year brought together scholars from all around the world.

n. the study of music as a scholarly discipline typically focuses on issues related to the history, theory, and cultural context of music

108. 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

109. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

110. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

111. 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

112. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

ANSWERS: 105. horrible, 106. dispute, 107. musicology, 108. instrument, 109. immigrants, 110. vary, 111. complicated, 112. typical

113. I was absolutely _____ by the beauty of the sunset.

adj. completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell

114. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

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

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

116. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

117. There was a _____ of impoverished farmers into the towns.

n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

118. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

119. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

120. The winning team began to _____ and holler with excitement.

v. to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise

ANSWERS: 113. spellbound, 114. fellow, 115. giant, 116. singed, 117. migration, 118. bunch, 119. partnership, 120. whoop

121. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
122. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
123. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
124. After the accident, the police found an empty _____.
n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
125. She had an _____ while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.
n. a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
126. There is however a _____ of hope.
n. a flash of light especially unsteady or reflected light; a slight sign of something
127. His vain _____ made it difficult for him to work well with others.
n. an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance
128. He has a flair for _____.
n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 121. conflicts, 122. journalists, 123. pigeon, 124. canoe, 125. epiphany, 126. glimmer, 127. conceit, 128. mathematics

129. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

130. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

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

131. Use a singular _____ if the subject is singular.

n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

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

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

133. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

134. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

135. This company _____ its battery problem completely.

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

136. She could not help watching the sad _____.

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

ANSWERS: 129. straight, 130. rely, 131. verb, 132. stick, 133. loop, 134. chemical, 135. resolves, 136. spectacle

137. A company is a distinct legal _____.

n. something that exists independently and has its own identity

138. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

139. Her influence on teenagers is _____.

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

140. The village's _____ passed down stories of their ancestors and their traditions.

n. traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature

ANSWERS: 137. entity, 138. suicide, 139. undeniable, 140. lore