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Session 1: Word List

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym : ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

adopt

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

synonym : accept, assume, take on

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

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

mysterious

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

synonym : enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

tattoo

n. a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design

synonym : emblem, symbol

(1) a **tattoo** artist, (2) a person who has a **tattoo**

Any activity on the Internet will be stored as a digital **tattoo** for life.

forearm

n. the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation

(1) **forearm** bone, (2) several veins of the **forearm**

The accident left him with numbness in his left **forearm**.

surgery

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

synonym : operation, (medical) procedure

(1) cardiac **surgery**, (2) the professor of **surgery**

He had undergone heart **surgery** years before.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym : lasting, ceaseless, endless

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

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

adoption

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

synonym : fostering, acceptance, custody

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

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

it for the love of a child.

incomplete

adj. not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished

synonym : undone, unfinished, insufficient

(1) **incomplete** information, (2) customer with **incomplete** credit histories

The researcher criticized the study due to **incomplete** data.

background

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

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

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

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

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

synonym : entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

ethnicity

n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

synonym : race, culture, heritage

(1) with respect to **ethnicity**, (2) based on their **ethnicity**

The company has a diverse workforce representing different **ethnicity** and backgrounds.

assimilate

v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

synonym : absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language

The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

occasionally

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

synonym : periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change the routine

She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

festival

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

synonym : fair, holiday, celebration

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

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

identify

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

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

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

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

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

trauma

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

synonym : agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

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.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

injury

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

synonym: wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

welfare

n. the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

synonym: well-being, benefit, health

(1) child **welfare**, (2) a **welfare** state

She struggled for years to survive without **welfare**.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

orphanage

n. an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)

synonym: home for orphans, children's home, foster home

(1) build an **orphanage**, (2) **orphanage** director

He grew up in a Christian **orphanage** and never knew his biological parents.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

malnourished

adj. not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong

synonym : undernourished, underfed

(1) premature **malnourished** infant, (2) **malnourished** population

Malnourished children are at risk of developmental delays and chronic health problems.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym : expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

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.

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym : harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

hairstyle

n. the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head

synonym: hairdo, coiffure, haircut

(1) modern **hairstyle**, (2) bob **hairstyle**

My sister got a new **hairstyle** for her job interview.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

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.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

eager

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

synonym: keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

excitement

n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

synonym: thrill, exhilaration, incitement

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

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

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

congratulation

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

synonym: praise, compliment, felicitation

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

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

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

blanket

n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

synonym: cover, coverlet, bedspread

(1) **blanket** authority, (2) **blanket** scarf

The electric **blanket** keeps me warm on cold nights.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

humanitarian

adj. something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare

synonym : philanthropic, compassionate, caring

(1) **humanitarian** crisis, (2) a truly **humanitarian** act

The organization is dedicated to providing **humanitarian** aid to disaster-stricken areas worldwide.

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.

gratitude

n. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

synonym : appreciation, thankfulness, indebtedness

(1) a debt of **gratitude**, (2) feelings of **gratitude**

She expressed her **gratitude** towards the kind stranger who helped her.

angel

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

synonym : messenger, spirit, celestial being

(1) **angel** investors, (2) fallen **angel**

As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy **angel** standing at the foot of her bed.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym : ceaseless, stable, unchanging

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

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
synonym: thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression
She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

charity

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
synonym: philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**
She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

resent

v. to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
synonym: dislike, begrudge, envy

(1) **resent** being called a fool, (2) **resent** their success
He couldn't help but **resent** his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.

norm

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

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**
The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion
There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym : mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym : accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help

He never **acknowledged** his fault.

complexity

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

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

rejection

n. the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign

synonym : refusal, denial, repudiation

(1) transplant **rejection**, (2) **rejection** by community

His proposals were met with **rejection**.

grief

n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

synonym : anguish, desperation, dismay

(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**
Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

guilt

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

synonym: regret, remorse, blame

(1) criminal **guilt**, (2) feeling of **guilt**

Shame and **guilt** have significant social influences.

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.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym: hardship, complication, problem

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

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

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

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.

oxygen

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

(1) the hydrogen binds the **oxygen**, (2) lack of **oxygen**

The passenger grabbed for the **oxygen** mask.

technique

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

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

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

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

adapt

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

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

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

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

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym : racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

enculturate

v. to teach or socialize someone to adopt the values, customs, and behaviors of a particular culture or society

synonym: indoctrinate, socialize, acculturate

(1) **enculturate** immigrants, (2) **enculturate** employees

Parents often have the responsibility to **enculturate** their children with their cultural traditions.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

expose

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

synonym: disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks

That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

inculcate

v. to impress upon someone an idea or attitude through repetition and persistent urging

synonym: instill, impress, imbue

(1) **inculcate** discipline, (2) **inculcate** good habits

As a parent, it is important to **inculcate** good values and morals in your children from an early age.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically**

American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

discriminate

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

synonym : show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things

You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

exposure

n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

synonym : vulnerability, disclosure, uncovering

(1) a southern **exposure**, (2) the **exposure** of a fraud

The long **exposure** to the air tarnished the antique tableware.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
synonym : lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport
She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

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.

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym : immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**
I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed
The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym : reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend
The band will **reunite** only for this show.

talented

adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something;
showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
synonym : gifted, able, skilled

(1) a very **talented** actor, (2) **talented** athlete
She is a **talented** musician, able to play several instruments.

abandon

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

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

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation,
or question in a different way
synonym : redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem
The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

ecosystem

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

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**
Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because
they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

empathy

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

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients
Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that
govern decision-making or action, often used in the
context of business or government; a course of action or
plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or

individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

negative

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

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

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

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

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

validate

v. to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved

synonym : approve, certify, verify

(1) **validate** a hypothesis, (2) **validate** a passport

To **validate** your purchase, please visit the following link.

valid

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

synonym : proper, reasonable, useful

(1) a **valid** contract, (2) a ticket **valid** for two days

Your credit card is no longer **valid**.

poignant

adj. evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

synonym : touching, moving, emotional

(1) **poignant** moment, (2) **poignant** memories

The movie's **poignant** ending left most of the audience in tears.

childlike

adj. resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive

synonym : innocent, naive, trusting

(1) **childlike** charm, (2) **childlike** innocence

She had a **childlike** wonder and curiosity about the world.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym : interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

grace

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

synonym : charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a va__d contract *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
2. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
3. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
4. occ_____lly change the routine *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
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6. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
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8. dis_____ate against women employees *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
9. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
10. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
11. cardiac su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

ANSWERS: 1. valid, 2. specifically, 3. abandon, 4. occasionally, 5. valid, 6. sham, 7. constant, 8. discriminate, 9. progression, 10. complexity, 11. surgery

12. va____te a passport *v.* to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved
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15. bl__k in astonishment *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
16. ea__r anticipation *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
17. mal_____hed population *adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong
18. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
19. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
20. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
21. ch_____y work *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
22. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

ANSWERS: 12. validate, 13. grace, 14. excitement, 15. blink, 16. eager, 17. malnourished, 18. bury, 19. complexity, 20. uncomfortable, 21. charity, 22. specifically

23. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
24. va_____te a hypothesis *v.* to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved
25. a fatal in_____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
26. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
27. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
28. ch_____ke charm *adj.* resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive
29. the professor of su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
30. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
31. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
32. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

ANSWERS: 23. confuse, 24. validate, 25. injury, 26. grant, 27. struggle, 28. childlike, 29. surgery, 30. mysterious, 31. entirely, 32. norm

33. several veins of the fo____m *n.* the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation
34. child we_____e *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
35. ready-made ph____es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
36. a matter for con_____ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
37. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
38. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
39. re_____e problem *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
40. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
41. bob ha_____le *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
42. with ea__r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
43. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 33. forearm, 34. welfare, 35. phrase, 36. congratulation, 37. decide, 38. grant, 39. reframe, 40. background, 41. hairstyle, 42. eager, 43. shock

44. a very ta_____ed actor *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
45. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
46. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
47. foreign po_____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
48. sy_____l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
49. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
50. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
51. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
52. the hydrogen binds the ox_____n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
53. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 44. talented, 45. massive, 46. courage, 47. policy, 48. symbol, 49. emotion, 50. permanent, 51. progression, 52. oxygen, 53. encourage

54. racial or___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
55. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
56. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
57. psychic tr___a *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
58. the ex_____re of a fraud *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
59. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
60. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
61. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
62. gr___e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

ANSWERS: 54. origin, 55. narrative, 56. encourage, 57. trauma, 58. exposure, 59. eventually, 60. shock, 61. struggle, 62. grieve

63. a we_____e state *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
64. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
65. with respect to et_____ty *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
66. without in____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
67. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
68. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
69. occ_____lly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
70. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
71. criminal gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

ANSWERS: 63. welfare, 64. policy, 65. ethnicity, 66. injury, 67. bury, 68. identify, 69. occasionally, 70. courage, 71. guilt

72. modern ha_____le *n.* the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
73. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
74. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
75. br____l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
76. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
77. enc_____te immigrants *v.* to teach or socialize someone to adopt the values, customs, and behaviors of a particular culture or society
78. feeling of gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
79. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
80. in_____te good habits *v.* to impress upon someone an idea or attitude through repetition and persistent urging
81. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
82. transplant re_____on *n.* the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign

ANSWERS: 72. hairstyle, 73. resilient, 74. frightening, 75. brutal, 76. emotional, 77. enculturate, 78. guilt, 79. separate, 80. inculcate, 81. separate, 82. rejection

83. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
84. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
85. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
86. noun ph____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
87. ra____l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
88. re____t their success *v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
89. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
90. a debt of gr_____de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
91. be killed in_____ly *adv.* immediately
92. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
93. br____l honesty *adj.* harsh or cruel
94. re_____e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

ANSWERS: 83. permanent, 84. empathy, 85. ecosystem, 86. phrase, 87. racial, 88. resent, 89. technique, 90. gratitude, 91. instantly, 92. curiosity, 93. brutal, 94. reframe

95. afraid to show em____n
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
96. et___c minority
adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
97. personal na____ve
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
98. bl____t scarf
n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
99. as___n top priority
v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
100. in____te discipline
v. to impress upon someone an idea or attitude through repetition and persistent urging
101. ra___l prejudice
adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
102. tr___a care
n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
103. a hard and re____nt steel
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
104. li____me ban from the sport
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
105. de___e a question
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 95. emotion, 96. ethnic, 97. narrative, 98. blanket, 99. assign, 100. inculcate, 101. racial, 102. trauma, 103. resilient, 104. lifetime, 105. decide

106. as___n projects	<i>v.</i>	to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
107. a southern ex_____re	<i>n.</i>	the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
108. ce_____te his election	<i>v.</i>	to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
109. gr___e for loss	<i>v.</i>	to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
110. an unc_____ble silence	<i>adj.</i>	providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
111. co_____e the listener	<i>v.</i>	to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
112. or___n of information	<i>n.</i>	the first existence or beginning of something
113. a ne_____ve number	<i>adj.</i>	having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
114. a lot of gr__f	<i>n.</i>	a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
115. have gr__f and sorrow	<i>n.</i>	a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
116. de_____on authority	<i>n.</i>	the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
117. en_____ly satisfied with the meal	<i>adv.</i>	completely

ANSWERS: 106. assign, 107. exposure, 108. celebrate, 109. grieve, 110. uncomfortable, 111. confuse, 112. origin, 113. negative, 114. grief, 115. grief, 116. decision, 117. entirely

118. id____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
119. re____t being called a fool *v.* to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
120. on terms of in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
121. ack____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
122. eve____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
123. build in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
124. po____nt moment *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
125. dis____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

ANSWERS: 118. identify, 119. resent, 120. intimacy, 121. acknowledge, 122. eventually, 123. intimacy, 124. poignant, 125. discriminate

126. id____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
127. ab_____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
128. fo_____m bone *n.* the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation
129. international film fe_____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
130. re_____on by community *n.* the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign
131. sy____l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
132. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
133. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems

ANSWERS: 126. identity, 127. abandon, 128. forearm, 129. festival, 130. rejection, 131. symbol, 132. background, 133. difficulty

134. research on anti-ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
135. customer with inc_____te credit histories *adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished
136. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
137. single et___c group *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
138. dif_____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
139. ask ch_____y *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
140. re_____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
141. the ad_____on of a plan *n.* the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval
142. enc_____te employees *v.* to teach or socialize someone to adopt the values, customs, and behaviors of a particular culture or society
143. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
144. hum_____ian crisis *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare

ANSWERS: 134. racism, 135. incomplete, 136. lifetime, 137. ethnic, 138. difficulty, 139. charity, 140. reunite, 141. adoption, 142. enculturate, 143. emotional, 144. humanitarian

145. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
146. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
147. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
148. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
149. ex___e a person to risks *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
150. a truly hum_____ian act *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
151. fe_____al attendee *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
152. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
153. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
154. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
155. burn s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
156. feelings of gr_____de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

ANSWERS: 145. adapt, 146. technique, 147. constant, 148. ecosystem, 149. expose, 150. humanitarian, 151. festival, 152. ridiculous, 153. adapt, 154. unfortunately, 155. scar, 156. gratitude

157. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
158. bl__k his eyes *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
159. re_____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
160. lack of ox___n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
161. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
162. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
163. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
164. bl_____t authority *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
165. an__l investors *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
166. a person who has a ta___o *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
167. or_____ge director *n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)

ANSWERS: 157. unfortunately, 158. blink, 159. reunite, 160. oxygen, 161. adopt, 162. grateful, 163. frightening, 164. blanket, 165. angel, 166. tattoo, 167. orphanage

168. con_____ion on a promotion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
169. in_____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
170. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
171. po_____nt memories *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
172. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
173. systemic ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
174. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
175. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
176. premature mal_____hed infant *adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong
177. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 168. congratulation, 169. instantly, 170. mysterious, 171. poignant, 172. adopt, 173. racism, 174. celebrate, 175. scar, 176. malnourished, 177. sham

178. ad_____on assistance *n.* the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval
179. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
180. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
181. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
182. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
183. ta_____ed athlete *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
184. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
185. a ta____o artist *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
186. aesthetic exc_____nt *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

ANSWERS: 178. adoption, 179. circumstance, 180. empathy, 181. acknowledge, 182. identity, 183. talented, 184. ridiculous, 185. tattoo, 186. excitement

187. a gr____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
188. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
189. fallen an__l *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
190. ass____te a language *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
191. inc____te information *adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished
192. ex____e a crime *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
193. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
194. satisfy my intellectual cu____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
195. cir____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
196. ass____te into society *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
197. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
198. based on their et____ty *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

ANSWERS: 187. grateful, 188. negative, 189. angel, 190. assimilate, 191. incomplete, 192. expose, 193. massive, 194. curiosity, 195. circumstance, 196. assimilate, 197. grace, 198. ethnicity

199. build an or_____ge *n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)
200. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
201. ch_____ke innocence *adj.* resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive
202. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 199. orphanage, 200. norm, 201. childlike, 202. decision

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
2. The movie's _____ ending left most of the audience in tears.
adj. evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
3. She _____ the loss of her parents.
v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
4. Parents often have the responsibility to _____ their children with their cultural traditions.
v. to teach or socialize someone to adopt the values, customs, and behaviors of a particular culture or society
5. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
6. The _____ process can be long and difficult, but it is worth it for the love of a child.
n. the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval
7. The long _____ to the air tarnished the antique tableware.
n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

ANSWERS: 1. negative, 2. poignant, 3. grieved, 4. enculturate, 5. Empathy, 6. adoption, 7. exposure

8. Each person has a unique _____ experience.
n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
9. The _____ of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.
n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
10. Any activity on the Internet will be stored as a digital _____ for life.
n. a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
11. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
12. She expressed her _____ towards the kind stranger who helped her.
n. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
13. He couldn't help but _____ his friend for always taking credit for his ideas.
v. to feel anger, bitterness, or indignation towards someone or something as a result of unfair treatment or perceived injustice; to harbor negative feelings towards someone or something
14. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
15. We bought a Spanish _____ book.
n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

ANSWERS: 8. grief, 9. excitement, 10. tattoo, 11. shock, 12. gratitude, 13. resent, 14. celebrated, 15. phrase

16. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
- v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
17. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
- adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
18. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.
- adv. immediately
19. The immigrant struggled to _____ into the new culture.
- v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
20. The passenger grabbed for the _____ mask.
- n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
21. As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy _____ standing at the foot of her bed.
- n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
22. He never _____ his fault.
- v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
23. Her remarks _____ the debate.
- v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 16. encouraged, 17. specifically, 18. instantly, 19. assimilate, 20. oxygen, 21. angel, 22. acknowledged, 23. confused

24. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
25. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.
- adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
26. His abusive words made me _____.
- adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
27. The company has a diverse workforce representing different _____ and backgrounds.
- n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
28. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
- v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
29. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.
- n.* a condition or state that causes problems
30. 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

ANSWERS: 24. policy, 25. racial, 26. uncomfortable, 27. ethnicity, 28. bury, 29. difficulty, 30. separate

31. The castle was _____ several years later.

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

32. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.

- n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

33. My accidental _____ got better right away.

- n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

34. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

- n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

35. He grew up in a Christian _____ and never knew his biological parents.

- n.* an institution for the care of orphans (= a child whose parents are dead)

36. She struggled for years to survive without _____.

- n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

37. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.

- n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

38. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.

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

ANSWERS: 31. abandoned, 32. grace, 33. injury, 34. emotions, 35. orphanage, 36. welfare, 37. scar, 38. ecosystem

39. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

40. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.

adj. harsh or cruel

41. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

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

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

43. The band will _____ only for this show.

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

44. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

45. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

46. 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

47. His proposals were met with _____.

n. the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign

ANSWERS: 39. courage, 40. brutal, 41. granted, 42. decision, 43. reunite, 44. reframe, 45. ridiculous, 46. narrative, 47. rejection

48. The data he prepared was completely _____.

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

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

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

50. The researcher criticized the study due to _____ data.

adj. not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished

51. The national assembly has _____ the budget.

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

52. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

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

53. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

54. She is searching for a _____ residence.

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

55. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

ANSWERS: 48. sham, 49. decide, 50. incomplete, 51. adopted, 52. technique, 53. racism, 54. permanent, 55. entirely

56. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.

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

57. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

- n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

58. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

- adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

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

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

60. She was _____ for the help he provided.

- adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

61. _____ children are at risk of developmental delays and chronic health problems.

- adj.* not getting enough of the right type of food to stay healthy and strong

62. The organization is dedicated to providing _____ aid to disaster-stricken areas worldwide.

- adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare

63. He had undergone heart _____ years before.

- n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

ANSWERS: 56. festival, 57. progression, 58. unfortunately, 59. identify, 60. grateful, 61. Malnourished, 62. humanitarian, 63. surgery

64. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
n. the first existence or beginning of something
65. She had a _____ wonder and curiosity about the world.
adj. resembling or characteristic of a child, particularly in being innocent, trusting, or naive
66. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
67. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
adj. happening repeatedly or all the time
68. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
69. Many civilians have suffered _____ as a result of the war.
n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
70. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
71. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.
n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
72. She is a _____ musician, able to play several instruments.
adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

ANSWERS: 64. origin, 65. childlike, 66. lifetime, 67. Constant, 68. frightening, 69. trauma, 70. complexity, 71. charity, 72. talented

73. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
74. The accident left him with numbness in his left _____.
n. the part of a person's arm between the elbow and the wrist; (verb) to arm in advance of a confrontation
75. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
76. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.
adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
77. 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
78. 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
79. My sister got a new _____ for her job interview.
n. the way in which a person's hair is cut, styled, or arranged on their head
80. That newspaper _____ a political scandal in a big way.
v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
81. They were looking for _____ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.
n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

ANSWERS: 73. adapt, 74. forearm, 75. massive, 76. ethnic, 77. identity, 78. struggle, 79. hairstyle, 80. exposed, 81. intimacy

82. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

83. He _____ in the dazzling sunlight.

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

84. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

85. As a parent, it is important to _____ good values and morals in your children from an early age.

v. to impress upon someone an idea or attitude through repetition and persistent urging

86. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

87. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

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

adj. relating to people's feelings

89. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 82. assign, 83. blinked, 84. mysterious, 85. inculcate, 86. curiosity, 87. symbol, 88. emotional, 89. circumstances

90. To _____ your purchase, please visit the following link.
v. to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved
91. She still _____ writes a short romance novel.
adv. now and then; sometimes but not often
92. Shame and _____ have significant social influences.
n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
93. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
94. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
95. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
96. The _____ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.
n. the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
97. The electric _____ keeps me warm on cold nights.
n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

ANSWERS: 90. validate, 91. occasionally, 92. guilt, 93. resilient, 94. norms, 95. background, 96. congratulations, 97. blanket

98. Your credit card is no longer _____.

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

99. The children were _____ to start the treasure hunt.

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

100. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

101. You should not _____ against minorities.

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

ANSWERS: 98. valid, 99. eager, 100. eventually, 101. discriminate