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Session 1: Word List

arch

n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

synonym: turn, bow, arc

(1) the **arch** of a person's foot, (2) an **arch-shaped** stone structure

The **arch** bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

sunrise

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

synonym: daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries

I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

tradition

- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

homeland

- n.* a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs

synonym: motherland, native country, fatherland

(1) beloved **homeland**, (2) **homeland** pride

I miss my **homeland** and the familiar sights, sounds, and smells.

pueblo

- n.* a type of Native American dwelling found in the southwestern United States and Mexico, made of adobe or stone and typically multi-storied with flat roofs

synonym: village, town, settlement

(1) **pueblo** house, (2) traditional **pueblo** architecture

The detailed artwork on the Native American **pueblo** was stunning to behold.

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.

stunning

adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

synonym: beautiful, breathtaking, magnificent

(1) **stunning** beauty, (2) **stunning** disclosure

The **stunning** sunset took everyone's breath away.

illuminate

- v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or

ambiguity

synonym : brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding
That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

cliff

n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

synonym : crag, escarpment, precipice

(1) a bold **cliff**, (2) **cliff** diving

He stood at the edge of the **cliff** and looked out to sea.

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.

photograph

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

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

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

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

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

landmark

n. a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference

point

synonym: marker, reference point, guidepost

(1) a **landmark** discovery, (2) historical **landmark**

The Empire State Building is a **landmark** in New York City.

snap

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

synonym: break, crack, fracture

(1) **snap** a whip, (2) **snap** judgment

She **snapped** a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

trail

n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

synonym: footpath, track, course

(1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**

The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.

fade

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

synonym: languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance

My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym: conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

muse

n. a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists

synonym: source of inspiration, minstrel, versifier

(1) **muse** inspiration, (2) creative **muse**

She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her **muse** to strike.

intricacy

n. the quality of being complex, detailed, or highly involved; the existence of many interrelated parts or elements

synonym: complexity, intricateness, elaboration

(1) the **intricacy** of the design, (2) legal **intricacy**

The clockwork mechanism of the antique watch showed incredible **intricacy**.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

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.

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym: illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure

A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

communicate

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

synonym: convey, share, transmit

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

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

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

creative

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

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

outdoors

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

synonym: outside, al fresco, in the open air

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

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

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym: event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo

I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym: analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

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.

outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

synonym: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

colleague

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

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

distinction

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

synonym: eminence, noteworthiness, excellence

(1) important **distinction**, (2) draw a **distinction**

I can't see any **distinction** between these two concepts.

enhance

v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

synonym: improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla

The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

intentionally

adv. in a planned or intended way

synonym: knowingly, calculatedly, deliberately

(1) she hit him **intentionally**, (2) She **intentionally** spread misleading information.

She would never **intentionally** hurt anyone.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

proximity

n. the state or quality of being near or close to something or someone in distance or time

synonym: nearness, closeness, vicinity

(1) **proximity** sensor,, (2) geographical **proximity**

The **proximity** of the two cities makes it easy to travel between them.

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.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

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.

droplet

n. a small drop of liquid

synonym: bead, drip, dewdrop

(1) **droplet** size, (2) **droplet** formation

A single **droplet** of water can reflect the entire world upside down.

cub

n. a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

synonym: young, male child, boy

(1) a tiger **cub**, (2) the arrival of a **cub**

The **cub** reporter covered the murder case for the first time.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

humpback

n. a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres

synonym: whale, cetacean, mammal

(1) **humpback** mountain, (2) **humpback** bridge

The **humpback** whale is known for its distinctive songs that can travel great distances.

whale

n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

synonym: porpoise, giant

(1) a bull **whale**, (2) **whale** watching

Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a **whale**.

obligation

n. the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

synonym: burden, commitment, debt

(1) a deep **obligation**, (2) pay an **obligation**

You are under no **obligation** to finish the job.

purity

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

synonym: sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

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.

wagon

n. a four-wheeled vehicle used for transporting goods or people, often pulled by horses, oxen, or other animals; a compartment or container used for storage or transportation, such as a shopping cart or trolley

synonym: cart, buggy, chariot

(1) **wagon** wheel, (2) station **wagon**

The circus **wagon** was brightly painted with pictures of the animals inside.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

particle

n. a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

synonym: atom, grain, bit

(1) charged **particle**, (2) **particle** energy

We can calculate the position of the **particles** statistically.

glitter

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

synonym: sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

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.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

setup

n. the arrangement or organization of something, often with a specific purpose or intention; a scheme or plan that is intended to deceive or trick someone

synonym: arrangement, installation, organization

(1) office **setup**, (2) network **setup**

The **setup** for the conference was impressive and professional.

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.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym: building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym: holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

aboriginal

adj. relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

synonym: native, indigenous, autochthonous

(1) **aboriginal** art, (2) **aboriginal** land

Many **aboriginal** cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

professional

adj. having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

synonym : skilled, competent, accomplished

(1) **professional** athlete, (2) certified **professional** secretary

He has a **professional** demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym : exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym : equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

scripture

n. the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings

synonym : religious text, Bible, holy writ

(1) **scripture** study, (2) biblical **scripture**

Many people find comfort in reading **scripture** during times of hardship.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym: optical, graphical, visible

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

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

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

explicit

adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

synonym: clear, unambiguous, unequivocal

(1) **explicit** content, (2) **explicit** instructions

The movie had an **explicit** sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

invitation

n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

synonym: request, asking, proposal

(1) a letter of **invitation**, (2) **invitation** of foreign investment

I will be very happy to accept your **invitation**.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

unsurprising

adj. not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

synonym: predictable, expected, foreseeable

(1) **unsurprising** success, (2) **unsurprising** result

The **unsurprising** outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym: existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym: tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

intentional

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent

synonym: deliberate, intended, preplanned

(1) **intentional** destruction of evidence, (2) an **intentional** walk

The law distinguishes between accidental and **intentional** killing.

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.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

discourage

v. to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

synonym: dishearten, depress, demoralize

(1) **discourage** customers, (2) **discourage** bacterial growth
His parents tried to **discourage** him from becoming an artist.

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.

glow

v. to give out a steady, strong light

synonym: shine, radiate, beam

(1) **glow** a pale orange, (2) **glow** gold in the light

The sun was setting, and the sky **glowed** with beautiful colors.

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**.

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym: remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

impulse

n. a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

synonym: stimulation, provocation, urge

(1) a combative **impulse**, (2) profound religious **impulses**

Nerve **impulses** cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym: air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. draw a dis_____on | <i>n.</i> a difference or contrast between similar things or people |
| 2. re_____on of inclusion | <i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another |
| 3. lo___e a missing pet | <i>v.</i> to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something |
| 4. end of the first ep_____e | <i>n.</i> a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness |
| 5. important dis_____on | <i>n.</i> a difference or contrast between similar things or people |
| 6. ex_____it instructions | <i>adj.</i> stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt |
| 7. dis_____ge bacterial growth | <i>v.</i> to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something |
| 8. oasis in the de_____t | <i>n.</i> arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks |
| 9. end of the gr___e period | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 10. the most am_____g feeling | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire |

ANSWERS: 1. distinction, 2. relation, 3. locate, 4. episode, 5. distinction, 6. explicit, 7. discourage, 8. desert, 9. grace, 10. amazing

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| 11. tr_____nd limits | <i>v.</i> to rise above or go beyond the limits of something |
| 12. par_____te in the program | <i>v.</i> to take part in something |
| 13. dr_____t formation | <i>n.</i> a small drop of liquid |
| 14. wh__e watching | <i>n.</i> a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities |
| 15. ill_____te my understanding | <i>v.</i> to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity |
| 16. a deep obl_____on | <i>n.</i> the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something |
| 17. an ab_____ct noun | <i>adj.</i> based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence |
| 18. financial ind_____nce | <i>n.</i> freedom from another's or others' control or influence |
| 19. pl____t like the Earth | <i>n.</i> any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star |
| 20. the evidence of the pr_____ce | <i>n.</i> the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present |
| 21. save the pl____t | <i>n.</i> any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star |

ANSWERS: 11. transcend, 12. participate, 13. droplet, 14. whale, 15. illuminate, 16. obligation, 17. abstract, 18. independence, 19. planet, 20. presence, 21. planet

22. hu____ck bridge	<i>n.</i> a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres
23. clear in_____on	<i>n.</i> something you want to do and are going to do
24. against tr_____on	<i>n.</i> a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
25. c__t's practices	<i>n.</i> a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
26. a la_____rk discovery	<i>n.</i> a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point
27. em_____al health	<i>adj.</i> relating to people's feelings
28. lo___e a tumor	<i>v.</i> to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
29. she hit him int_____lly	<i>adv.</i> in a planned or intended way
30. a seafaring na___n	<i>n.</i> a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
31. re_____e a phone	<i>v.</i> to take the place of something
32. wa__n wheel	<i>n.</i> a four-wheeled vehicle used for transporting goods or people, often pulled by horses, oxen, or other animals; a compartment or container used for storage or transportation, such as a shopping cart or trolley

ANSWERS: 22. humpback, 23. intention, 24. tradition, 25. cult, 26. landmark, 27. emotional, 28. locate, 29. intentionally, 30. nation, 31. replace, 32. wagon

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| 33. abs_____ly against | <i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly |
| 34. hu_____ck mountain | <i>n.</i> a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres |
| 35. the degree of pu____y | <i>n.</i> the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature |
| 36. the halo of a sa____d image | <i>adj.</i> connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god |
| 37. g__w a pale orange | <i>v.</i> to give out a steady, strong light |
| 38. g__w gold in the light | <i>v.</i> to give out a steady, strong light |
| 39. ex_____it content | <i>adj.</i> stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt |
| 40. dr_____t size | <i>n.</i> a small drop of liquid |
| 41. re_____e one word with another | <i>v.</i> to take the place of something |
| 42. vi____l navigation | <i>adj.</i> relating to seeing or sight |
| 43. en_____ge antisocial behavior | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 44. sa____d music | <i>adj.</i> connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god |

ANSWERS: 33. absolutely, 34. humpback, 35. purity, 36. sacred, 37. glow, 38. glow, 39. explicit, 40. droplet, 41. replace, 42. visual, 43. encourage, 44. sacred

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| 45. po____it of a well-known figure | <i>n.</i> a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face |
| 46. office se__p | <i>n.</i> the arrangement or organization of something, often with a specific purpose or intention; a scheme or plan that is intended to deceive or trick someone |
| 47. the arrival of a c_b | <i>n.</i> a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy |
| 48. a criminal bac_____nd | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 49. a bell to__r | <i>n.</i> a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone |
| 50. su_____nd a town | <i>v.</i> to be all around something or somebody |
| 51. new and com_____ng evidence | <i>adj.</i> arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration |
| 52. certified pro_____nal secretary | <i>adj.</i> having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful |
| 53. br___h of wind | <i>n.</i> the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs |
| 54. jazz imp_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |

ANSWERS: 45. portrait, 46. setup, 47. cub, 48. background, 49. tower, 50. surround, 51. compelling, 52. professional, 53. breath, 54. improvisation

55. em_____al distress	<i>adj.</i> relating to people's feelings
56. s__p judgment	<i>v.</i> to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
57. ma_____e stars	<i>adj.</i> enormous amount; very heavy and solid
58. sigh of re____f	<i>n.</i> a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
59. creative m__e	<i>n.</i> a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
60. former co_____ue	<i>n.</i> one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
61. de____t basin	<i>n.</i> arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
62. pho_____ph memories	<i>n.</i> a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
63. uns_____ing success	<i>adj.</i> not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
64. a bold cl__f	<i>n.</i> a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
65. op_____ne occasion	<i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 55. emotional, 56. snap, 57. massive, 58. relief, 59. muse, 60. colleague, 61. desert, 62. photograph, 63. unsurprising, 64. cliff, 65. opportune

66. abo_____al land	<i>adj.</i> relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous
67. an a__h-shaped stone structure	<i>n.</i> a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
68. com_____te well with my advisor	<i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
69. co_____al combination of funds	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
70. f__e away almost completely	<i>v.</i> to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
71. cognitive com_____ty	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
72. gl_____r against her skin	<i>v.</i> to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
73. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl	<i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
74. a tiger c_b	<i>n.</i> a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
75. exhausted ou_____rs	<i>adv.</i> in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
76. equ_____nt in meaning	<i>n.</i> having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

ANSWERS: 66. aboriginal, 67. arch, 68. communicate, 69. communal, 70. fade, 71. complexity, 72. glitter, 73. absolutely, 74. cub, 75. outdoors, 76. equivalent

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| 77. ex_____e our options | <i>v.</i> to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it |
| 78. an op_____ne remark | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 79. historical la_____rk | <i>n.</i> a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point |
| 80. sc_____re study | <i>n.</i> the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings |
| 81. legal in_____cy | <i>n.</i> the quality of being complex, detailed, or highly involved; the existence of many interrelated parts or elements |
| 82. collaborate with co_____ues | <i>n.</i> one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business |
| 83. baby with se_____ve skin | <i>adj.</i> able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do |
| 84. am_____g advances | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire |
| 85. traditional pu____o architecture | <i>n.</i> a type of Native American dwelling found in the southwestern United States and Mexico, made of adobe or stone and typically multi-storied with flat roofs |

ANSWERS: 77. explore, 78. opportune, 79. landmark, 80. scripture, 81. intricacy, 82. colleague, 83. sensitive, 84. amazing, 85. pueblo

86. his conclusion was ob____s	<i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand
87. in_____on behind his decision	<i>n.</i> something you want to do and are going to do
88. en_____e value	<i>v.</i> to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
89. pa_____le energy	<i>n.</i> a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
90. abo_____al art	<i>adj.</i> relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous
91. She int_____lly spread misleading information.	<i>adv.</i> in a planned or intended way
92. st_____ng beauty	<i>adj.</i> causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
93. a tr_____on of a culture	<i>n.</i> a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
94. a man of imp_____ce	<i>n.</i> the quality of being important and worthy of note
95. 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
96. sp_____ic instructions	<i>adj.</i> clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 86. obvious, 87. intention, 88. enhance, 89. particle, 90. aboriginal, 91. intentionally, 92. stunning, 93. tradition, 94. importance, 95. committed, 96. specific

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| 97. the ul____te goal in life | <i>adj.</i> furthest or highest in degree or order |
| 98. profound religious im____es | <i>n.</i> a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber |
| 99. ho____nd pride | <i>n.</i> a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs |
| 100. en____ge a sense of affinity | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 101. say a gr__e | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 102. m__e inspiration | <i>n.</i> a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists |
| 103. barren of cr____ve spirit | <i>adj.</i> relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something |
| 104. a bull wh__e | <i>n.</i> a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities |
| 105. gl____r in her eyes | <i>v.</i> to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines |

ANSWERS: 97. ultimate, 98. impulse, 99. homeland, 100. encourage, 101. grace, 102. muse, 103. creative, 104. whale, 105. glitter

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| 106. ex____e the world | <i>v.</i> to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it |
| 107. an int_____al walk | <i>adj.</i> done, made or performed with purpose and intent |
| 108. network se__p | <i>n.</i> the arrangement or organization of something, often with a specific purpose or intention; a scheme or plan that is intended to deceive or trick someone |
| 109. high pu____y | <i>n.</i> the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature |
| 110. industry-sp_____ic regulations | <i>adj.</i> clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise |
| 111. the to__r on a cliff | <i>n.</i> a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone |
| 112. cl__f diving | <i>n.</i> a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river |
| 113. ab_____ct science | <i>adj.</i> based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence |
| 114. charged pa_____le | <i>n.</i> a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance |
| 115. his majestic pr_____ce | <i>n.</i> the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present |

ANSWERS: 106. explore, 107. intentional, 108. setup, 109. purity, 110. specific, 111. tower, 112. cliff, 113. abstract, 114. particle, 115. presence

116. tr_____nd boundaries	<i>v.</i> to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
117. s__p a whip	<i>v.</i> to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
118. beauty s__t	<i>n.</i> a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
119. imp_____ion on stage	<i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
120. uns_____ing result	<i>adj.</i> not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
121. field of vi___l arts	<i>adj.</i> relating to seeing or sight
122. st_____ng disclosure	<i>adj.</i> causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
123. sleep ou_____rs	<i>adv.</i> in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
124. a letter of inv_____on	<i>n.</i> a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
125. ob_____s reasons	<i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand
126. ou__o him in trickery	<i>v.</i> to do better than someone; to surpass
127. ou__o the competition	<i>v.</i> to do better than someone; to surpass
128. en_____e the flavor of the vanilla	<i>v.</i> to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

ANSWERS: 116. transcend, 117. snap, 118. spot, 119. improvisation, 120. unsurprising, 121. visual, 122. stunning, 123. outdoors, 124. invitation, 125. obvious, 126. outdo, 127. outdo, 128. enhance

129. equ_____nt amounts	<i>n.</i> having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
130. tax re____f	<i>n.</i> a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
131. a bac_____nd color	<i>n.</i> 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
132. beautiful su_____e	<i>n.</i> the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
133. the per_____ve of the battle	<i>n.</i> a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
134. cr_____ve writing	<i>adj.</i> relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
135. ma_____e amounts	<i>adj.</i> enormous amount; very heavy and solid
136. a s__t on his honor	<i>n.</i> a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
137. follow the tr__l	<i>n.</i> a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
138. c__t members	<i>n.</i> a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 129. equivalent, 130. relief, 131. background, 132. sunrise, 133. perspective, 134. creative, 135. massive, 136. spot, 137. trail, 138. cult

139. pr_____ty sensor,	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being near or close to something or someone in distance or time
140. dis_____ge customers	<i>v.</i> to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something
141. pa__e a moment	<i>v.</i> to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
142. high-technology su_____e industries	<i>n.</i> the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
143. 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
144. geographical pr_____ty	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being near or close to something or someone in distance or time
145. a combative im_____e	<i>n.</i> a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
146. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist	<i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
147. ill_____te a dark hall	<i>v.</i> to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
148. pho_____ph album	<i>n.</i> a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 139. proximity, 140. discourage, 141. pause, 142. sunrise, 143. committed, 144. proximity, 145. impulse, 146. communicate, 147. illuminate, 148. photograph

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| 149. re_____on between cause and effect | <i>n.</i> | the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another |
| 150. tell a com_____ng story | <i>adj.</i> | arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration |
| 151. na____n-state | <i>n.</i> | a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture |
| 152. the in_____cy of the design | <i>n.</i> | the quality of being complex, detailed, or highly involved; the existence of many interrelated parts or elements |
| 153. biblical sc_____re | <i>n.</i> | the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings |
| 154. a stone wall su_____nds the palace | <i>v.</i> | to be all around something or somebody |
| 155. pro_____nal athlete | <i>adj.</i> | having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful |
| 156. a per_____ve view | <i>n.</i> | a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something |
| 157. se_____ve documents | <i>adj.</i> | able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do |
| 158. ep_____e of vertigo | <i>n.</i> | a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness |

ANSWERS: 149. relation, 150. compelling, 151. nation, 152. intricacy, 153. scripture, 154. surround, 155. professional, 156. perspective, 157. sensitive, 158. episode

159. pay an obl_____on	<i>n.</i> the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
160. co_____al swimming pool	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
161. ca_____e customers' hearts	<i>v.</i> to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
162. hold your br____h	<i>n.</i> the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
163. inv_____on of foreign investment	<i>n.</i> a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
164. a po_____it painter	<i>n.</i> a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
165. pa__e for a reaction	<i>v.</i> to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
166. beloved ho_____nd	<i>n.</i> a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
167. ind_____nce ceremony	<i>n.</i> freedom from another's or others' control or influence
168. par_____te fully in conversation	<i>v.</i> to take part in something
169. high imp_____ce	<i>n.</i> the quality of being important and worthy of note
170. station wa__n	<i>n.</i> a four-wheeled vehicle used for transporting goods or people, often pulled by horses, oxen, or other animals; a compartment or container used for storage or transportation, such as a shopping cart or trolley

ANSWERS: 159. obligation, 160. communal, 161. capture, 162. breath, 163. invitation, 164. portrait, 165. pause, 166. homeland, 167. independence, 168. participate, 169. importance, 170. wagon

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| 171. int_____al destruction of evidence | <i>adj.</i> done, made or performed with purpose and intent |
| 172. com_____ty theory | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand |
| 173. the ul_____te luxury | <i>adj.</i> furthest or highest in degree or order |
| 174. the a__h of a person's foot | <i>n.</i> a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building |
| 175. f__e in importance | <i>v.</i> to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness |
| 176. pu___o house | <i>n.</i> a type of Native American dwelling found in the southwestern United States and Mexico, made of adobe or stone and typically multi-storied with flat roofs |
| 177. a warm tr__l | <i>n.</i> a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind |
| 178. ca_____e a glimpse | <i>v.</i> to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape |

ANSWERS: 171. intentional, 172. complexity, 173. ultimate, 174. arch, 175. fade, 176. pueblo, 177. trail, 178. capture

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
2. The _____ whale is known for its distinctive songs that can travel great distances.
n. a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres
3. I miss my _____ and the familiar sights, sounds, and smells.
n. a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
4. 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
5. The man _____ before opening the door.
v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
6. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
7. She would never _____ hurt anyone.
adv. in a planned or intended way
8. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

ANSWERS: 1. locate, 2. humpback, 3. homeland, 4. committed, 5. paused, 6. absolutely, 7. intentionally, 8. importance

9. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.

- n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

10. He tried to _____ his rival by breaking the world record.

- v.* to do better than someone; to surpass

11. His parents tried to _____ him from becoming an artist.

- v.* to make someone lose confidence, enthusiasm, or less willing to do something

12. 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

13. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.

- adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

14. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

15. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

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

16. Her dress _____ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

- v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

ANSWERS: 9. breath, 10. outdo, 11. discourage, 12. grace, 13. sensitive, 14. obvious, 15. communicate, 16. glittered

17. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

18. This region is predominantly _____.

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

19. She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her _____ to strike.

n. a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art;
a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists

20. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

21. She _____ a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

22. The Empire State Building is a _____ in New York City.

n. a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point

23. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

24. Nerve _____ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

n. a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

ANSWERS: 17. surround, 18. desert, 19. muse, 20. opportune, 21. snapped, 22. landmark, 23. tower, 24. impulses

25. This space is a private office _____ to the President

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

26. That biologist _____ the mechanism of heredity.

v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

27. The circus _____ was brightly painted with pictures of the animals inside.

n. a four-wheeled vehicle used for transporting goods or people, often pulled by horses, oxen, or other animals; a compartment or container used for storage or transportation, such as a shopping cart or trolley

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

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

29. We can calculate the position of the _____ statistically.

n. a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

30. I got up early to watch the _____ at the summit.

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

31. I want to put that _____ of my life behind me.

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

32. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 25. sacred, 26. illuminated, 27. wagon, 28. colleague, 29. particles, 30. sunrise, 31. episode, 32. cult

33. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
34. The new strategy will _____ the profitability of our company.
v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
35. The clockwork mechanism of the antique watch showed incredible _____.
n. the quality of being complex, detailed, or highly involved; the existence of many interrelated parts or elements
36. He has a _____ demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.
adj. having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
37. 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
38. He stood at the edge of the _____ and looked out to sea.
n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
39. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
40. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

ANSWERS: 33. improvisation, 34. enhance, 35. intricacy, 36. professional, 37. background, 38. cliff, 39. nation, 40. transcended

41. The sun was setting, and the sky _____ with beautiful colors.

v. to give out a steady, strong light

42. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

43. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

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

44. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.

v. to take the place of something

45. The storm left a _____ of destruction behind it.

n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

46. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

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

47. Many _____ cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.

adj. relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

48. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

v. to take part in something

ANSWERS: 41. glowed, 42. presence, 43. photograph, 44. replace, 45. trail, 46. creative, 47. aboriginal, 48. participated

49. Many people find comfort in reading _____ during times of hardship.
n. the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
50. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.
adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
51. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.
n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
52. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.
adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
53. The _____ sunset took everyone's breath away.
adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
54. A single _____ of water can reflect the entire world upside down.
n. a small drop of liquid
55. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
56. I can't see any _____ between these two concepts.
n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people
57. The movie had an _____ sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.
adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

ANSWERS: 49. scripture, 50. abstract, 51. relief, 52. compelling, 53. stunning, 54. droplet, 55. equivalent, 56. distinction, 57. explicit

58. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

n. something you want to do and are going to do

59. The _____ bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

60. The _____ for the conference was impressive and professional.

n. the arrangement or organization of something, often with a specific purpose or intention; a scheme or plan that is intended to deceive or trick someone

61. The detailed artwork on the Native American _____ was stunning to behold.

n. a type of Native American dwelling found in the southwestern United States and Mexico, made of adobe or stone and typically multi-storied with flat roofs

62. The law distinguishes between accidental and _____ killing.

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent

63. I will be very happy to accept your _____.

n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

64. She loves to hike _____ and explore nature.

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

65. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

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

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

ANSWERS: 58. intentions, 59. arch, 60. setup, 61. pueblo, 62. intentional, 63. invitation, 64. outdoors, 65. ultimate, 66. perspective

67. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

68. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

69. Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a _____.

n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

70. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

71. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

72. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's _____.

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

73. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

74. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

75. 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: 67. independence, 68. visual, 69. whale, 70. massive, 71. purity, 72. portrait, 73. spot, 74. Communal, 75. relations

76. You are under no _____ to finish the job.

n. the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

77. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

78. 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

79. 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

80. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

81. My memory will _____ but my heart will live on.

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

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

adj. relating to people's feelings

83. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 76. obligation, 77. explore, 78. capture, 79. encouraged, 80. tradition, 81. fade, 82. emotional, 83. planet

84. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

85. The ____ reporter covered the murder case for the first time.

n. a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

86. 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

87. The _____ outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

adj. not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

88. The _____ of the two cities makes it easy to travel between them.

n. the state or quality of being near or close to something or someone in distance or time

89. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

ANSWERS: 84. specific, 85. cub, 86. complexity, 87. unsurprising, 88. proximity, 89. amazing