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Session 1: Word List

- trek** *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
synonym : journey, expedition, hike
(1) horseback **trek**, (2) **trek** expedition
He was preparing for a long **trek** through the mountains.
- endless** *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
synonym : infinite, ceaseless, boundless
(1) **endless** possibilities, (2) **endless** hours
He looked out the window at the **endless** stream of people.
- 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**.
- tight** *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
synonym : closed, secured, cramped
(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget
The national election was held amid **tight** security.
- suit** *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file

in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

synonym : clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

dissipate

v. to disperse or scatter widely

synonym : scatter, disperse, evaporate

(1) **dissipate** heat, (2) **dissipate** stress

The fog **dissipated**, and the air cleared up.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

moisture

n. small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance

synonym : dampness, humidity, wetness

(1) **moisture** level, (2) lot of **moisture**

My hair looks greasy because there is too much **moisture** in the air.

thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

synonym : craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

rhythm

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

synonym : beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**
He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

vibration

n. a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
synonym: oscillation, fluctuation, reverberation

(1) protection against **vibration**, (2) sympathetic **vibration**
Vibration displaced part of the mechanism.

footstep

n. a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
synonym: footfall, step

(1) **footsteps** in the corridor, (2) approaching **footsteps**
The sound of oncoming **footsteps** grew louder, closer.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances
synonym: combine, mix, intermingle

(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream
The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving
synonym: unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape
Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
synonym: grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle
The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym:

douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

hiss

v. to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake;
(noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound

synonym: whish, sibilate, wheeze

(1) **hiss** warningly at the intruder, (2) the **hiss** of a snake

The cat arched its back and **hissed** at the approaching dog.

mound

n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

synonym: hill, knoll, rise

(1) **mound** of dirt, (2) burial **mound**

The team discovered a hidden **mound** in the desert.

gait

n. a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion

synonym: pace, stride, step

(1) awkward **gait**, (2) brisk **gait**

The older woman's **gait** was slow and unsteady.

sprint

v. to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time

synonym: dash, bolt, race

(1) **sprint** for a bus, (2) **sprint** towards the finish line

Top athletes can **sprint** 100 meters in less than 10 seconds.

clamber

v. to climb or move in an awkward, laborious, or ungraceful way, often using one's hands and feet

synonym : climb, scramble, crawl

(1) **clamber** up the ladder, (2) **clamber** over a boulder
I had to **clamber** over the rocks to reach the cave.

sandworm

n. a type of burrowing worm found in sandy or muddy areas, widely used as bait in fishing

(1) **sandworm** bait, (2) **sandworm** fishing

During our trip to the beach, we discovered numerous **sandworm** burrows near the water's edge.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

fling

v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

synonym : throw, dump, hurl

(1) **fling** a stream of abuse, (2) **fling** a door open forcefully

He was provoked to **fling** the draft on the floor.

giant

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

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

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

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

feudal

adj. relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century

synonym : medieval, feudalistic, aristocratic

(1) a **feudal** lord, (2) **feudal** dictatorship

Lords and serfs characterized the **feudal** system of medieval Europe.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
synonym : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

medieval

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

synonym : gothic, knightly, antique

(1) **medieval** times, (2) **medieval** history

Only the **medieval** tower remained standing.

motif

n. a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music

synonym : theme, pattern, design

(1) animal **motif**, (2) the **motif** of a music piece

The repeating floral **motif** in the wallpaper added a touch of elegance to the room.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

interstellar

adj. relating to or located in the space between stars

synonym : galactic, cosmic, intergalactic

(1) **interstellar** communication, (2) **interstellar** space

The **interstellar** medium comprises gas, dust, and cosmic rays that fill the space between stars.

sci-fi

n. (informal for science fiction) a genre of speculative fiction typically deals with space travel, life on other planets, time travel, etc.

(1) a **sci-fi** movie, (2) avid **sci-fi** fan

He is a gadget buff and **sci-fi** enthusiast.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym: defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

forbidden

adj. not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

synonym: prohibited, banned, illegal

(1) **forbidden** words, (2) **forbidden** love

Taking photographs inside the museum is **forbidden**.

construct

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

synonym: build, assemble, create

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

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

stifle

v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

synonym: smother, suppress, suffocate

(1) **stifle** a laugh, (2) **stifle** creativity

The oppressive regime tried to **stifle** free speech and dissent.

expansion

n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

synonym: growth, enlargement, development

(1) industrial **expansion**, (2) **expansion** project

The company is undergoing an **expansion**, opening new locations in several states.

edict

n. an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation

synonym : decree, order, command

(1) religious **edict**, (2) royal **edict**

The **edict** issued by the king had to be obeyed by all his subjects.

evolve

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

synonym : develop, mature, grow

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

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym : alarming, astonishing, shocking

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

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

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

psychic

adj. relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes

synonym : intuitive, clairvoyant, extrasensory

(1) **psychic** intuition, (2) **psychic** reading

She claimed to have **psychic** powers and could predict the future.

witch

n. a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

synonym: sorceress, enchantress, healer

(1) **witch** hunt, (2) **witch** trial

Many people in the medieval period believed in **witches** and their ability to cast spells.

prescient

adj. having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic

synonym: prophetic, foresighted, intuitive

(1) **prescient** dream, (2) **prescient** vision

The **prescient** investor predicted the market crash and sold his stocks before it happened.

pilot

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

synonym: aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

regularly

adv. at regular intervals or times

synonym: repeatedly, routinely, usually

(1) **regularly** arranged, (2) post **regularly** to a blog

This site **regularly** shares high-quality academic materials.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

noble

adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

synonym: dignified, aristocratic, benevolent

(1) a **noble** family, (2) **noble** gas

He is a **noble-minded** man

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

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.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym: empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

superhuman

adj. possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability

synonym: supernatural, inhuman, beyond human

(1) **superhuman** beings, (2) **superhuman** effort

The athlete's **superhuman** strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.

rely

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

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym: adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

spice

n. a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food

synonym: seasoning, flavoring, condiment

(1) **spice** recipe, (2) **spice** flavor

He added a pinch of **spice** to the stew to flavor it.

mystical

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

synonym: occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym: output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

melange

n. a mixture or medley of different elements, often with subtle or contrasting differences

synonym: mix, blend, combination

(1) **melange** of flavors, (2) seafood **melange**

The artist created a beautiful painting using a **melange** of colors and styles.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life
Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

cornerstone

n. a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed

synonym: foundation, basis, keystone

(1) **cornerstone** of democracy, (2) lay the **cornerstone**
Effective communication is often considered the **cornerstone** of a successful team.

galactic

adj. relating to or concerning the galaxy or galaxies; having characteristics or qualities that are vast, extensive, or cosmic in scope

synonym: cosmic, celestial, enormous

(1) **galactic** scale, (2) a **galactic** system

The Milky Way is a **galactic** collection of billions of stars and planets.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

inhospitable

adj. harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you

synonym: sterile, unfriendly, unwelcoming

(1) **inhospitable** environment, (2) in an **inhospitable** manner

He trekked across some of the most **inhospitable** mountains in the world.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym : endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym : dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

rebel

n. someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

synonym : insurgent, dissenter, mutineer

(1) **rebel** uprising, (2) group of **rebels**

The **rebels** fought against the government for their independence.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

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.

elaborate

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

synonym : detailed, intricate, complicated

(1) an **elaborate** hat, (2) **elaborate** Ponzi scheme

He proposed an **elaborate** program of public works.

- plot** *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
synonym : scheme, plan, design
(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution
The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
- swear** *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
synonym : declare, assert, curse
(1) **swear** an oath, (2) **swear** a blue streak
I **swear** I didn't mean to break your vase.
- sadistic** *adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
synonym : cruel, brutal, inhumane
(1) **sadistic** pleasure, (2) **sadistic** behavior
The **sadistic** character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on others for pleasure.
- slave** *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
synonym : captive, bondservant, hard worker
(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader
You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.
- conflict** *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
synonym : clash, discord, competition
(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**
He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

upend

v. to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order

synonym: overturn, upset, invert

(1) **upend** a table, (2) **upend** a tradition

The sudden news **upended** their plans for the weekend.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

catapult

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

synonym: launcher, trebuchet, slingshot

(1) powerful **catapult**, (2) **catapult** mechanism

The army used a **catapult** to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

hostile

adj. unfriendly or aggressively opposed

synonym: unfriendly, aggressive, antagonistic

(1) take up a **hostile** attitude, (2) **hostile** environment

The **hostile** takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

avid

adj. characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity

synonym : enthusiastic, eager, fervent

(1) **avid** baseball fan, (2) have **avid** eyes

She was an **avid** reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.

environmentalist

n. a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

synonym : conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

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.

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**.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our

lifestyles.

belt

v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

synonym: sing, hit hard, (noun) strap

(1) **belt** him in the face, (2) leather **belt**

The band was **belting** out old songs in response to audience requests.

tunnel

n. an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars

synonym: passageway, underground passage

(1) **tunnel** construction work, (2) **tunnel** disease

The workers had to dig through solid rock to create the vehicular **tunnel** allowing the cars to pass through the mountain.

rocky

adj. full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock

synonym: stony, boulder-strewn, rough

(1) **rocky** terrain, (2) **rocky** relationship

The **rocky** road made it difficult to drive on.

topography

n. the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features

synonym: terrain, landscape, geography

(1) **topography** map, (2) detailed **topography**

The **topography** of the region is rugged, with many hills and valleys.

temperate

adj. mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food,

drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude

synonym : moderate, mild, genial

(1) **temperate** grassland, (2) **temperate** behavior

The **temperate** climate of the region made it an ideal vacation spot.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym : area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

vary

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

synonym : alter, contrast, differ

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

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

flora

n. all the plants in a particular region or time, typically regarded as a whole

synonym : vegetation, plants, greenery

(1) bowel **flora**, (2) aquatic **flora**

The Amazon rainforest is home to a diverse **flora** of plant species.

export

v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

synonym : ship, send, transfer

(1) **export** goods, (2) **export** the data

The country **exports** a large amount of agricultural products.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

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.

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.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym : shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

- millennium** *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine
Our world is in the third **millennium**.
- enlightenment** *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
synonym: civilization, awareness, sophistication
(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity
He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.
- similarly** *adv.* in almost the same way
synonym: also, likewise, ditto
(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities
We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.
- process** *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
synonym: procedure, method, system
(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**
The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- incredible** *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable
(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed
Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.
- bastion** *n.* a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects
synonym: stronghold, fortification, bulwark
(1) **bastion** of good sense, (2) a **bastion** against corruption
The ancient fortification served as a **bastion** of defense

against invaders for centuries.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym: reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

calculation

n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

synonym: analysis, computation, estimate

(1) make a **calculation**, (2) **calculation** of loss and gain

The error in the **calculation** was attributable to rounding.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym: sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

brotherhood

n. a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

synonym: fraternity, camaraderie, companionship

(1) spirit of **brotherhood**, (2) **brotherhood** among coworkers

The **brotherhood** between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym: reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

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

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

pervade

v. to spread throughout something; to permeate

synonym: permeate, penetrate, suffuse

(1) **pervade** society, (2) **pervade** an atmosphere

The smell of baking bread **pervaded** the kitchen.

incorporate

v. to include something as a part of a larger entity
synonym: contain, integrate, amalgamate

(1) **incorporate** the current trends, (2) **incorporate** technology into daily life

We will attempt to **incorporate** some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

chapter

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

synonym: section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party

The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym: cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

recall

v. to remember something

synonym: remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name

She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was

previously hidden or unknown

synonym : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

universe

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

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

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

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

appendix

n. a small, tube-shaped organ attached to the large intestine in humans and some animals, which is believed to play a role in the immune system and digestion; supplementary material that is collected and appended at the back of a book

synonym : addendum, adjunct, supplement

(1) **appendix** cancer, (2) book **appendix**

The doctor reviewed the patient's medical records to see if they had previously had their **appendix** removed.

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.

glossary

n. a list of specialized words or terms with their definitions, typically found at the back of a book or document

synonym : dictionary, vocabulary, lexicon

(1) comprehensive **glossary**, (2) online **glossary**

We included a **glossary** of industry terms in our report.

epic

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

synonym : legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

saga

n. a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes

synonym : epic, tale, chronicle

(1) fantasy **saga**, (2) historical **saga**

The epic **saga** of the family's journey through time captivated readers worldwide.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

synonym : brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

oncoming

adj. approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer

synonym: approaching, incoming, imminent

(1) **oncoming** traffic, (2) **oncoming** disaster

The driver had to swerve to avoid an **oncoming** car that veered into his lane.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. protection against vi_____on | <i>n.</i> a continuous quick and slight shaking movement |
| 2. animal mo__f | <i>n.</i> a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music |
| 3. take up a ho_____e attitude | <i>adj.</i> unfriendly or aggressively opposed |
| 4. on_____ng disaster | <i>adj.</i> approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer |
| 5. tu___l disease | <i>n.</i> an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars |
| 6. fo_____en words | <i>adj.</i> not permitted or allowed by rules or laws |
| 7. in samba rh___m | <i>n.</i> a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing |
| 8. 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 |
| 9. es_____al amino acid | <i>adj.</i> indispensable; fundamental |
| 10. co_____r the world | <i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority |

ANSWERS: 1. vibration, 2. motif, 3. hostile, 4. oncoming, 5. tunnel, 6. forbidden, 7. rhythm, 8. planet, 9. essential, 10. conquer

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| 11. a political rev_____on | <i>n.</i> a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war; |
| 12. 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 |
| 13. inh_____nt tax | <i>n.</i> a person or an animal that lives in a particular place |
| 14. st_____ng discovery | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying |
| 15. group of re__ls | <i>n.</i> someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it |
| 16. m__e acquaintance | <i>adj.</i> used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is |
| 17. en_____s possibilities | <i>adj.</i> having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount |
| 18. co_____e against a friend | <i>v.</i> to strive to achieve more success than someone or something |
| 19. ho_____e environment | <i>adj.</i> unfriendly or aggressively opposed |
| 20. the early inh_____nts of Europe | <i>n.</i> a person or an animal that lives in a particular place |
| 21. a sl__e trader | <i>n.</i> a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person |
| 22. sa_____rm fishing | <i>n.</i> a type of burrowing worm found in sandy or muddy areas, widely used as bait in fishing |

ANSWERS: 11. revolution, 12. explore, 13. inhabitant, 14. startling, 15. rebel, 16. mere, 17. endless, 18. compete, 19. hostile, 20. inhabitant, 21. slave, 22. sandworm

23. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
24. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
25. an el_____te hat *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
26. pr_____nt vision *adj.* having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic
27. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
28. post re_____ly to a blog *adv.* at regular intervals or times
29. spiritual enl_____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
30. aquatic fl__a *n.* all the plants in a particular region or time, typically regarded as a whole
31. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
32. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
33. h__s warningly at the intruder *v.* to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake; (noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound

ANSWERS: 23. planet, 24. vary, 25. elaborate, 26. prescient, 27. drown, 28. regularly, 29. enlightenment, 30. flora, 31. philosophy, 32. climate, 33. hiss

34. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
35. co____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
36. th____t for authority *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
37. wi__h trial *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft
38. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
39. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
40. cognitive com____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
41. un____d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
42. em____e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
43. approaching fo____eps *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
44. es____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
45. re____l the incident *v.* to remember something
46. industrial ex____on *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

ANSWERS: 34. biology, 35. compete, 36. thirst, 37. witch, 38. tight, 39. survive, 40. complexity, 41. unfold, 42. empire, 43. footstep, 44. essential, 45. recall, 46. expansion

47. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
48. sp____t towards the finish line *v.* to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time
49. brisk g__t *n.* a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion
50. bro_____od among coworkers *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
51. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
52. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
53. de____t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
54. tru_____hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
55. online gl_____ry *n.* a list of specialized words or terms with their definitions, typically found at the back of a book or document
56. ve__e of bankruptcy *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
57. c__t members *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: 47. ecosystem, 48. sprint, 49. gait, 50. brotherhood, 51. native, 52. climate, 53. desert, 54. trustworthy, 55. glossary, 56. verge, 57. cult

58. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
59. re____l his name *v.* to remember something
60. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
61. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
62. ps_____c intuition *adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes
63. ba_____n of good sense *n.* a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects
64. ps_____c reading *adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes
65. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
66. pr_____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
67. e__c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
68. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
69. el_____te Ponzi scheme *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

ANSWERS: 58. conflict, 59. recall, 60. structure, 61. slave, 62. psychic, 63. bastion, 64. psychic, 65. exclusive, 66. precious, 67. epic, 68. constantly, 69. elaborate

70. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
71. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the
government of a country, often using
violence or war;
72. powerful ca_____lt *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long
distance
73. ca_____lt mechanism *n.* a device used to hurl an object a long
distance
74. my_____al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual
powers; beyond ordinary understanding
75. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as
time or space from beginning to end;
the amount of space that something
covers
76. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size,
shape, etc.
77. lot of mo_____re *n.* small amounts of liquid, especially
water, that are present in or absorbed
by a substance
78. ex____t the data *v.* to send goods or services to another
country for sale; to transfer electronic
data out of a database or document in a
format that other programs can use
79. leather b__t *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit
someone or something hard; (noun) a
strip of leather or other material worn to
tie or buckle something around the body
80. inc_____te the current trends *v.* to include something as a part of a
larger entity

ANSWERS: 70. writ, 71. revolution, 72. catapult, 73. catapult, 74. mystical, 75. span, 76. vary, 77. moisture, 78. export, 79. belt, 80. incorporate

81. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
82. spirit of bro____od *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
83. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
84. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
85. fantasy s__a *n.* a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes
86. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
87. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
88. fe____l dictatorship *adj.* relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century
89. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
90. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 81. writ, 82. brotherhood, 83. survive, 84. logic, 85. saga, 86. universe, 87. ancient, 88. feudal, 89. tight, 90. recycle

91. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
92. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
93. ga_____ic scale *adj.* relating to or concerning the galaxy or galaxies; having characteristics or qualities that are vast, extensive, or cosmic in scope
94. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
95. sp____t for a bus *v.* to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time
96. int_____lar communication *adj.* relating to or located in the space between stars
97. cl_____r up the ladder *v.* to climb or move in an awkward, laborious, or ungraceful way, often using one's hands and feet
98. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
99. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 91. quote, 92. consume, 93. galactic, 94. balance, 95. sprint, 96. interstellar, 97. clamber, 98. incredible, 99. economy

100. sp__e recipe *n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
101. si_____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
102. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
103. mo__d of dirt *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
104. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
105. continuously sh_____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
106. seafood me_____e *n.* a mixture or medley of different elements, often with subtle or contrasting differences
107. re__l uprising *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
108. un_____d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
109. pu_____e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 100. spice, 101. similarly, 102. mere, 103. mound, 104. recycle, 105. shifting, 106. melange, 107. rebel, 108. unfold, 109. pursue

110. heroic e__c	<i>n.</i> a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
111. past mil_____um	<i>n.</i> a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
112. face inc_____gly complicated challenges	<i>adv.</i> more and more
113. the co_____ct between good and evil	<i>n.</i> a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
114. ro__y terrain	<i>adj.</i> full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock
115. tu___l construction work	<i>n.</i> an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars
116. a no__e family	<i>adj.</i> having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
117. pos_____ty of a major earthquake	<i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true
118. co_____r fatal disease	<i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority
119. a burning th___t	<i>n.</i> a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
120. bl__d milk and cream	<i>v.</i> to mix or combine two or more substances
121. gi__t trees	<i>adj.</i> enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
122. religious ed__t	<i>n.</i> an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation

ANSWERS: 110. epic, 111. millennium, 112. increasingly, 113. conflict, 114. rocky, 115. tunnel, 116. noble, 117. possibility, 118. conquer, 119. thirst, 120. blend, 121. giant, 122. edict

123. irregular heart rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
124. awkward g__t *n.* a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion
125. ap_____ix cancer *n.* a small, tube-shaped organ attached to the large intestine in humans and some animals, which is believed to play a role in the immune system and digestion; supplementary material that is collected and appended at the back of a book
126. cl_____r over a boulder *v.* to climb or move in an awkward, laborious, or ungraceful way, often using one's hands and feet
127. as___n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
128. price of pr_____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
129. c__t's practices *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
130. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
131. cor_____ne of democracy *n.* a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed

ANSWERS: 123. rhythm, 124. gait, 125. appendix, 126. clamber, 127. assign, 128. precious, 129. cult, 130. employ, 131. cornerstone

132. a ga____ic system *adj.* relating to or concerning the galaxy or galaxies; having characteristics or qualities that are vast, extensive, or cosmic in scope
133. sw__r an oath *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
134. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
135. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
136. fl__g a stream of abuse *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
137. sh____ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
138. ro__y relationship *adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock
139. theory of the un____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
140. burial mo__d *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
141. di____te stress *v.* to disperse or scatter widely

ANSWERS: 132. galactic, 133. swear, 134. plot, 135. ancient, 136. fling, 137. shifting, 138. rocky, 139. universe, 140. mound, 141. dissipate

142. have a__d eyes *adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
143. sa____ic behavior *adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
144. establish his ki____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
145. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
146. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
147. top_____hy map *n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features
148. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
149. wi__h hunt *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

ANSWERS: 142. avid, 143. sadistic, 144. kingdom, 145. shadow, 146. plot, 147. topography, 148. consume, 149. witch

150. make a cal_____on *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
151. in an inh_____ble manner *adj.* harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you
152. fo_____eps in the corridor *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
153. on the ve__e of tears *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
154. sw__r a blue streak *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
155. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
156. sa_____rm bait *n.* a type of burrowing worm found in sandy or muddy areas, widely used as bait in fishing
157. up__d a tradition *v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
158. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 150. calculation, 151. inhospitable, 152. footstep, 153. verge, 154. swear, 155. exclusive, 156. sandworm, 157. upend, 158. process

159. pr_____nt dream *adj.* having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic
160. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
161. comprehensive gl_____ry *n.* a list of specialized words or terms with their definitions, typically found at the back of a book or document
162. a fe____l lord *adj.* relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century
163. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
164. dedicated env_____ist *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
165. sup_____an effort *adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
166. on_____ng traffic *adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer

ANSWERS: 159. prescient, 160. process, 161. glossary, 162. feudal, 163. government, 164. environmentalist, 165. superhuman, 166. oncoming

167. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
168. ex_____e our options *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
169. me_____e of flavors *n.* a mixture or medley of different elements, often with subtle or contrasting differences
170. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
171. as____n projects *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
172. a subordinate ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
173. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
174. en_____s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
175. sp__e flavor *n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
176. bl__d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
177. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 167. mysterious, 168. explore, 169. melange, 170. religion, 171. assign, 172. kingdom, 173. zone, 174. endless, 175. spice, 176. blend, 177. economy

178. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
179. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
180. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
181. a sc___i movie *n.* (informal for science fiction) a genre of speculative fiction typically deals with space travel, life on other planets, time travel, etc.
182. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
183. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
184. book ap_____ix *n.* a small, tube-shaped organ attached to the large intestine in humans and some animals, which is believed to play a role in the immune system and digestion; supplementary material that is collected and appended at the back of a book
185. int_____lar space *adj.* relating to or located in the space between stars
186. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 178. biology, 179. frank, 180. span, 181. sci-fi, 182. suit, 183. incredible, 184. appendix, 185. interstellar, 186. philosophy

187. ch_____r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
188. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
189. cal_____on of loss and gain *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
190. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
191. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
192. historical s__a *n.* a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes
193. horseback t__k *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
194. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
195. pe_____e an atmosphere *v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate
196. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
197. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
198. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 187. chapter, 188. mysterious, 189. calculation, 190. ecosystem, 191. construct, 192. saga, 193. trek, 194. similarly, 195. pervade, 196. evolve, 197. complexity, 198. giant

199. na___e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
200. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
201. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
202. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
203. royal ed__t *n.* an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation
204. sympathetic vi_____on *n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
205. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
206. my_____al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
207. fo_____en love *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
208. bowel fl__a *n.* all the plants in a particular region or time, typically regarded as a whole
209. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
210. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

ANSWERS: 199. native, 200. balance, 201. pursue, 202. frank, 203. edict, 204. vibration, 205. religion, 206. mystical, 207. forbidden, 208. flora, 209. possibility, 210. crop

211. me_____al history *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
212. an introductory ch_____r *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
213. sup_____an beings *adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
214. mil_____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
215. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
216. a test pi__t *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
217. a__d baseball fan *adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
218. re_____ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
219. an env_____ist political party *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
220. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
221. me_____al times *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

ANSWERS: 211. medieval, 212. chapter, 213. superhuman, 214. millennium, 215. rely, 216. pilot, 217. avid, 218. regularly, 219. environmentalist, 220. stream, 221. medieval

222. lay the cor_____ne *n.* a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed
223. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
224. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
225. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
226. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
227. pi__t production *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
228. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
229. ex___t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
230. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 222. cornerstone, 223. employ, 224. construct, 225. logic, 226. sand, 227. pilot, 228. increasingly, 229. export, 230. rely

231. pe____e society v. to spread throughout something; to permeate
232. fl__g a door open forcefully v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
233. enl_____ent activity n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
234. oasis in the de__t n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
235. sh__w puppetry n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
236. avid sc__i fan n. (informal for science fiction) a genre of speculative fiction typically deals with space travel, life on other planets, time travel, etc.
237. an endless st__m of cars n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
238. st__e creativity v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
239. up__d a table v. to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order

ANSWERS: 231. pervade, 232. fling, 233. enlightenment, 234. desert, 235. shadow, 236. sci-fi, 237. stream, 238. stifle, 239. upend

240. the mo__f of a music piece *n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music
241. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
242. te_____te grassland *adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude
243. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
244. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
245. te_____te behavior *adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude
246. detailed top_____hy *n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features

ANSWERS: 240. motif, 241. crop, 242. temperate, 243. structure, 244. evolve, 245. temperate, 246. topography

247. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
248. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
249. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
250. di_____te heat *v.* to disperse or scatter widely
251. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
252. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
253. t__k expedition *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
254. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
255. mo_____re level *n.* small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance
256. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
257. b__t him in the face *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

ANSWERS: 247. drown, 248. sand, 249. zone, 250. dissipate, 251. novel, 252. constantly, 253. trek, 254. government, 255. moisture, 256. suit, 257. belt

258. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
259. a ba____n against corruption *n.* a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects
260. no__e gas *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
261. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
262. the h__s of a snake *v.* to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake; (noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound
263. inc_____te technology into daily life *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
264. sa____ic pleasure *adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
265. inh_____ble environment *adj.* harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you
266. st___e a laugh *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

ANSWERS: 258. empire, 259. bastion, 260. noble, 261. startling, 262. hiss, 263. incorporate, 264. sadistic, 265. inhospitable, 266. stifle

267. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
268. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
269. ex_____on project *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
270. tru_____hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable

ANSWERS: 267. novel, 268. quote, 269. expansion, 270. trustworthy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ancient fortification served as a _____ of defense against invaders for centuries.
 - n.* a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects

2. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
 - v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

3. There's no _____ in his description.
 - n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

4. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
 - n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

5. 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

6. The cat arched its back and _____ at the approaching dog.
 - v.* to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake; (noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound

ANSWERS: 1. bastion, 2. constructs, 3. logic, 4. economy, 5. cult, 6. hissed

7. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.
adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
8. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
9. The _____ of the region is rugged, with many hills and valleys.
n. the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features
10. Taking photographs inside the museum is _____.
adj. not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
11. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.
adv. at regular intervals or times
12. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
13. She vividly _____ getting laid off several years ago.
v. to remember something
14. The sound of oncoming _____ grew louder, closer.
n. a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

ANSWERS: 7. mysterious, 8. Climate, 9. topography, 10. forbidden, 11. regularly, 12. recycle, 13. recalls, 14. footsteps

15. The fog _____ and the air cleared up.
v. to disperse or scatter widely
16. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.
n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
17. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.
n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
18. The band was _____ out old songs in response to audience requests.
v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
19. _____ displaced part of the mechanism.
n. a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
20. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.
adj. constantly changing or moving
21. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
22. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.
n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

ANSWERS: 15. dissipated, 16. slave, 17. inhabitant, 18. belting, 19. Vibration, 20. shifting, 21. unfolded, 22. epic

23. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.
adv. in almost the same way
24. The smell of baking bread _____ the kitchen.
v. to spread throughout something; to permeate
25. This region is predominantly _____.
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
26. Ethics is a branch of _____.
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
27. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
adv. all the time
28. The _____ investor predicted the market crash and sold his stocks before it happened.
adj. having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic
29. Sow early for an early _____.
n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
30. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
31. He is a gadget buff and _____ enthusiast.
n. (informal for science fiction) a genre of speculative fiction typically deals with space travel, life on other planets, time travel, etc.

ANSWERS: 23. similarly, 24. pervaded, 25. desert, 26. philosophy, 27. constantly, 28. prescient, 29. crop, 30. evolved, 31. sci-fi

32. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

33. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

34. The error in the _____ was attributable to rounding.

n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

35. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

36. Effective communication is often considered the _____ of a successful team.

n. a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed

37. The _____ issued by the king had to be obeyed by all his subjects.

n. an official order or command issued by a ruler or government; a formal or authoritative proclamation

38. He looked out the window at the _____ stream of people.

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

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

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

40. The Amazon rainforest is home to a diverse _____ of plant species.

n. all the plants in a particular region or time, typically regarded as a whole

ANSWERS: 32. frank, 33. native, 34. calculation, 35. biology, 36. cornerstone, 37. edict, 38. endless, 39. giant, 40. flora

41. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.

- n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

42. Top athletes can _____ 100 meters in less than 10 seconds.

- v.* to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time

43. The national election was held amid _____ security.

- adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

44. We will attempt to _____ some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

- v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity

45. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

46. The _____ lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

- n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

47. The _____ exercised great care in landing.

- n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

48. We included a _____ of industry terms in our report.

- n.* a list of specialized words or terms with their definitions, typically found at the back of a book or document

ANSWERS: 41. suits, 42. sprint, 43. tight, 44. incorporate, 45. consume, 46. environmentalist, 47. pilot, 48. glossary

49. Lords and serfs characterized the _____ system of medieval Europe.

adj. relating to a system of government in which a lord has certain rights and responsibilities to vassals in exchange for military service or other services that developed in Europe in the 8th century

50. The driver had to swerve to avoid an _____ car that veered into his lane.

adj. approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer

51. She was an _____ reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.

adj. characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity

52. 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

53. He was preparing for a long _____ through the mountains.

n. a long and difficult journey, typically on foot

54. The repeating floral _____ in the wallpaper added a touch of elegance to the room.

n. a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music

55. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

56. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

ANSWERS: 49. feudal, 50. oncoming, 51. avid, 52. ecosystem, 53. trek, 54. motif, 55. zone, 56. blend

57. I _____ I didn't mean to break your vase.

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

58. My hair looks greasy because there is too much _____ in the air.

n. small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance

59. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.

v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

60. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

n. a written legal order or command

61. Only the _____ tower remained standing.

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

62. The _____ climate of the region made it an ideal vacation spot.

adj. mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude

63. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

64. He proposed an _____ program of public works.

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

ANSWERS: 57. swear, 58. moisture, 59. exports, 60. writ, 61. medieval, 62. temperate, 63. possibility, 64. elaborate

65. He stood on the _____ of a major discovery.

- n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

66. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.

- v.* to bring under control by force or authority

67. The oppressive regime tried to _____ free speech and dissent.

- v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

68. During our trip to the beach, we discovered numerous _____ burrows near the water's edge.

- n.* a type of burrowing worm found in sandy or muddy areas, widely used as bait in fishing

69. 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

70. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

- v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

71. The _____ fought against the government for their independence.

- n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

72. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.

- adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable

ANSWERS: 65. verge, 66. conquer, 67. stifle, 68. sandworm, 69. planet, 70. employ, 71. rebels, 72. precious

73. The older woman's _____ was slow and unsteady.
- n.* a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion
74. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
- n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
75. 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
76. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
77. Our world is in the third _____.
- n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
78. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
- n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
79. The sudden news _____ their plans for the weekend.
- v.* to turn or flip over; to overthrow or upset the established order
80. The final _____ provides a summary of the discussion.
- n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

ANSWERS: 73. gait, 74. universe, 75. complexity, 76. process, 77. millennium, 78. shadow, 79. upended, 80. chapter

81. He trekked across some of the most _____ mountains in the world.

adj. harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you

82. The _____ between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.

n. a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

83. The _____ road made it difficult to drive on.

adj. full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock

84. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

85. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

86. The _____ medium comprises gas, dust, and cosmic rays that fill the space between stars.

adj. relating to or located in the space between stars

87. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

88. He added a pinch of _____ to the stew to flavor it.

n. a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food

ANSWERS: 81. inhospitable, 82. brotherhood, 83. rocky, 84. revolution, 85. incredible, 86. interstellar, 87. drown, 88. spice

89. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

90. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

91. The team discovered a hidden _____ in the desert.

n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

92. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

93. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

94. 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

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

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

96. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

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

ANSWERS: 89. kingdom, 90. plot, 91. mound, 92. span, 93. enlightenment, 94. explore, 95. assign, 96. conflicts,

97. She claimed to have _____ powers and could predict the future.

adj. relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes

98. He was provoked to _____ the draft on the floor.

v. to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

99. The _____ character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on others for pleasure.

adj. deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer

100. While meditating, he had a _____ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

101. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

102. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

103. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

104. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

ANSWERS: 97. psychic, 98. fling, 99. sadistic, 100. mystical, 101. compete, 102. structure, 103. novel, 104. streams

105. The doctor reviewed the patient's medical records to see if they had previously had their _____ removed.

- n.* a small, tube-shaped organ attached to the large intestine in humans and some animals, which is believed to play a role in the immune system and digestion;
supplementary material that is collected and appended at the back of a book

106. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.

- adj.* not divided or shared with others

107. The epic _____ of the family's journey through time captivated readers worldwide.

- n.* a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes

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

- adv.* more and more

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

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

110. Many people in the medieval period believed in _____ and their ability to cast spells.

- n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

111. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

- adj.* indispensable; fundamental

112. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

- v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

ANSWERS: 105. appendix, 106. exclusive, 107. saga, 108. increasingly, 109. vary, 110. witches, 111. essential, 112. quoted

113. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
114. The Milky Way is a _____ collection of billions of stars and planets.
adj. relating to or concerning the galaxy or galaxies; having characteristics or qualities that are vast, extensive, or cosmic in scope
115. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
116. He read books to quench his _____ for knowledge.
n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
117. The _____ takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.
adj. unfriendly or aggressively opposed
118. He describes the story with _____ reality.
adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
119. She intends to _____ a political career.
v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
120. The workers had to dig through solid rock to create the vehicular _____ allowing the cars to pass through the mountain.
n. an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars

ANSWERS: 113. religion, 114. galactic, 115. ancient, 116. thirst, 117. hostile, 118. startling, 119. pursue, 120. tunnel

121. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.

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

122. The army used a _____ to launch large rocks over the castle walls.

n. a device used to hurl an object a long distance

123. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

124. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

125. The company is undergoing an _____ opening new locations in several states.

n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

126. The artist created a beautiful painting using a _____ of colors and styles.

n. a mixture or medley of different elements, often with subtle or contrasting differences

127. He is a _____ man

adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

128. The athlete's _____ strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.

adj. possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability

ANSWERS: 121. rhythm, 122. catapult, 123. empire, 124. survive, 125. expansion, 126. melange, 127. noble-minded, 128. superhuman

129. He lost the election by _____ votes.

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

130. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

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

131. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

132. I had to _____ over the rocks to reach the cave.

v. to climb or move in an awkward, laborious, or ungraceful way, often using one's hands and feet

133. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

134. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

135. People tend to believe _____ friends with their secrets.

adj. reliable and dependable

ANSWERS: 129. mere, 130. rely, 131. sand, 132. clamber, 133. government, 134. balance, 135. trustworthy