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Session 1: Word List

halfway

adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

synonym : middle, median, center

(1) **halfway** through my journey, (2) **halfway** decent job
The famous restaurant stands **halfway** up the hill.

supposedly

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

synonym : seemingly, allegedly, purportedly

(1) **supposedly** identical, (2) neckless **supposedly** made of pure gold

He is **supposedly** nominated for a Nobel Prize.

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.

narrate

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

synonym : tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

clash

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

synonym : blow, conflict, disagreement

(1) a **clash** of viewpoints, (2) a **clash** between the two task forces

Her dress was a disturbing **clash** of colors.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym : activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

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

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

reaction

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

synonym : response, reply, answer

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

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

prose

n. a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme

synonym: narrative, writing, story

(1) **prose** fiction, (2) rhythmical **prose**

The novel was written in **prose**, with no rhyme or meter.

convoluted

adj. extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand

synonym: intricate, complex, bending

(1) **convoluted** plot, (2) **convoluted** legal language

James Joyce's books are full of long, **convoluted** sentences.

outlandish

adj. bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal

synonym: eccentric, bizarre, strange

(1) **outlandish** proposal, (2) **outlandish** behavior

The **outlandish** outfit drew the attention of everyone in the room.

imagery

n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

synonym: metaphors, symbolism, imaging

(1) visual **imagery**, (2) satellite **imagery**

This movie is famous for its romantic **imagery**.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

perplexing

adj. causing confusion or uncertainty; difficult to understand or explain; puzzling or mystifying

synonym: puzzling, confusing, baffling

(1) **perplexing** situation, (2) **perplexing** problem

The novel's ambiguous ending left readers with a **perplexing** message.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

toy

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

synonym: plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box

He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym: disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

intentionally

adv. in a planned or intended way

synonym: knowingly, calculatedly, deliberately

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

She would never **intentionally** hurt anyone.

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.

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.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym : examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

racial

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

synonym : ethnic, tribal, ethnical

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

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

identity

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

synonym : character, personality, individuality

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

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

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym: startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

inventive

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

synonym: imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach

All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

hilarious

adj. extremely funny

synonym: funny, comical, amusing

(1) **hilarious** mistake, (2) a **hilarious** anecdote

The comedian's stand-up routine was **hilarious**.

clue

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

synonym: hint, indication, inkling

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

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

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym: guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

labyrinth

n. a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

synonym: maze, puzzle, network

(1) a **labyrinth** of relationships, (2) **labyrinthine** pathways

It was easy to get lost in the **labyrinth** of narrow alleyways in

the old city.

fictional

adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

synonym: imaginary, invented, made-up

(1) **fictional** character, (2) non- **fictional** text

The names of the company are entirely **fictional**.

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym: district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym: fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

steep

adj. having a sharp inclination or slope

synonym: sheer, precipitous, abrupt

(1) a **steep** staircase, (2) **steep** discount

The **steep** cliff made it difficult to climb.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

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

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

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

folklore

n. traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally

synonym: myths, legends, traditions

(1) **folklore** tradition, (2) **folklore** myth

The area's **folklore** tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.

legend

n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

synonym: fable, fiction, myth

(1) basketball **legend**, (2) **legend** of King Arthur

Many of the **legends** of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

glory

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

synonym: acclaim, credit, recognition

(1) greatest **glory**, (2) former **glory**

It is preferable to die in **glory** than to live in dishonor.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

myth

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

synonym: fable, legend, lore

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

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

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy

synonym: cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

racist

adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

synonym: discriminatory, prejudiced, bigoted

(1) far-right **racist**, (2) **racist** attitudes

The **racist** comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

synonym: epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

slavery

n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

synonym: bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

colonial

adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

synonym: imperial, immigrant, gregarious

(1) oppressive **colonial** rule, (2) **colonial** style

The city has a rich **colonial** history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

horror

n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

synonym: fear, terror, dread

(1) **horror** movie, (2) **horror-struck** look

The stories of war crimes filled her with **horror**.

humor

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

synonym: comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**

My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym: disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**
Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

memorable

adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

synonym: extraordinary, noteworthy, unforgettable

(1) create **memorable** experiences, (2) least **memorable** song

His passionate speech makes a **memorable** impression.

spurn

v. to reject or disdain with contempt; to refuse to accept or consider; to treat with disdain or neglect

synonym: reject, disdain, despise

(1) **spurn** social norms, (2) **spurn** invitations

She **spurned** his advances and walked away.

bride

n. a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married

synonym: groom, fiancée, wife-to-be

(1) **bride** of noble birth, (2) June **bride**

The young **bride** looked stunning in her wedding gown.

would-be

adj. indicating a person who aspires or attempts to be something but has not yet achieved that status or position

synonym: aspiring, wannabe, potential

(1) **would-be** actor, (2) **would-be** entrepreneur

The **would-be** burglar was caught on the security camera

and arrested by the police.

corpse

n. the dead body of a human being

synonym: body, remains, cadaver

(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal

The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

dupe

v. to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them

synonym: trick, deceive, fool

(1) **dupe** him into believing, (2) **dupe** the public

He tried to **dupe** me into buying a product that didn't work.

sharecropper

n. a farmer who cultivates a piece of land owned by someone else, usually in exchange for a share of the crops produced

synonym: tenant farmer, cropper, farmer

(1) **sharecropper** system, (2) **sharecropper** labor

Many **sharecroppers** in the South were impoverished and trapped in a cycle of debt.

obsessive

adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

synonym: compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym : fictional, ideal, fantastical

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

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

glance

v. to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

synonym : glimpse, peek, flash

(1) **glance** around nervously, (2) **glance** at him miserably

I casually **glanced** into the small hut.

grotesque

adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

synonym : bizarre, deformed, monstrous

(1) have **grotesque** design, (2) **grotesque** appearance

The **grotesque** sculpture made me feel uneasy.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym : ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym : compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

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.

stubborn

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

synonym : persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

unwitting

adj. without purpose or intent

synonym : unknowledgeable, inadvertent, unintended

(1) **unwitting** victims, (2) an **unwitting** mistake

His rudeness was **unwitting**, not intentional.

willingness

n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something

synonym : readiness, eagerness, enthusiasm

(1) **willingness** to help, (2) indicate a **willingness** to change

Her **willingness** to help others earned her many friends.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym : fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym : fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

perspective

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

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

fury

n. intense and often violent anger

synonym: rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

narrative

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

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym: spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

caddy

n. a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs

synonym: container, carrier, holder

(1) golf **caddy**, (2) **caddy** spoon

The tea **caddy** was a beautiful antique with intricate designs carved into the wood.

narration

n. the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account

synonym: story-telling, recital, account

(1) **narration** of events, (2) exaggerate in **narration**

His **narration** of the story was engaging and captivating.

occasionally

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

synonym: periodically, sometimes, from time to time

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

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

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

contradict

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

synonym: conflict, oppose, belie

(1) **contradict** each other, (2) **contradict** the principle

The book contains numerous statements that **contradict** previous reports.

disjointed

adj. lacking coherence or connectivity; not flowing smoothly or logically; disconnected or fragmented

synonym: disconnected, disordered, incoherent

(1) **disjointed** speech, (2) **disjointed** narrative

The **disjointed** plot of the movie left many viewers needing clarification and satisfaction.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan
I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym : back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

untimely

adj. happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time

synonym : inappropriate, unfortunate, inopportune

(1) die an **untimely** death, (2) **untimely** snowfall in May

The **untimely** arrival of the storm ruined their plans for a picnic.

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

synonym : assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

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.

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

synonym: surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

resentment

n. bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly

synonym: bitterness, enmity, animosity

(1) abiding **resentment**, (2) bitter **resentment**

She felt **resentment** towards her boss for not giving her a promotion.

thread

n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in

preparation for sewing or stitching

synonym: filament, string, yarn

(1) **thread** a catheter, (2) start a new **thread**

The detective followed a **thread** of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

bewilder

v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

synonym: perplex, confound, puzzle

(1) **bewilder** the reader, (2) **bewilder** scientists

The complex instructions on the assignment sheet **bewilder** most students.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

distortion

n. the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound

or image is changed or distorted

synonym: twist, deformity, misrepresentation

(1) **distortion** of the earth's surface, (2) horizontal **distortion**

Her report was criticized as a gross **distortion** of the truth.

denial

n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist

synonym: refusal, rejection, veto

(1) state of **denial**, (2) an absolute **denial**

She gave us a categorical **denial** of the scandal.

anxiety

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

synonym: concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge

She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

deliberately

adv. done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

synonym: intentionally, knowingly, willfully

(1) **deliberately** amateurish, (2) commit a crime

deliberately

He **deliberately** misleads others.

induce

v. to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner

synonym: cause, encourage, persuade

(1) **induce** a crisis, (2) **induce** him to see a doctor

The lack of sleep **induces** both physical and psychological diseases.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym: uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to

complete the task.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

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

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

undermine

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

synonym: damage, subvert, weaken

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

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

rigid

adj. extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

synonym: strict, inflexible, stringent

(1) **rigid** rules, (2) **rigid** structure

He was unpopular because of his **rigid** adherence to the rules.

policy

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

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

remark

n. a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

synonym: comment, observation, statement

(1) a flattering **remark**, (2) **remark** dripping with bitterness

His candid **remark** at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.

landowner

n. a person or entity that owns the land, typically for agricultural or commercial use; a title or status indicating ownership of land

synonym: property owner, landlord, landholder

(1) feudalistic **landowner**, (2) absentee **landowner**

The large **landowner** had a team of foresters to manage the timber on his properties.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

evasive

adj. not willing to give clear or direct answers to a question or commit to a request; avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger

synonym: deceitful, ambiguous, unclear

(1) take **evasive** action, (2) an **evasive** answer

He admitted all wrongdoing without using any **evasive** words in his press conference.

desperate

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

synonym: anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

intolerable

adj. incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable

synonym: agonizing, insufferable, unbearable

(1) **intolerable** situation, (2) the heat is **intolerable**

Chronic pain from the side effects of treatment made her life **intolerable**.

genocide

n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

synonym: mass murder, extermination, annihilation

(1) **genocide** victims, (2) **genocide** resolution

The international community condemned the **genocide** in the country.

spellbound

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

synonym: enraptured, captivated, entranced

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

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

verbal

adj. expressed in spoken rather than written words

synonym: speaking, lingual, oral

(1) **verbal** communication, (2) **verbal** abuse

The candidate must have excellent **verbal** skills.

acrobatic

adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

synonym: nimble, agile, flexible

(1) **acrobatic** leaps, (2) **acrobatic** skills

The **acrobatic** performance was breathtaking and left the

audience in awe.

haggle

v. to negotiate a deal or price by bargaining in a persistent and often argumentative way; to argue or dispute over a price or other terms of a transaction

synonym: bargain, negotiate, deal

(1) **haggle** over the price, (2) **haggle** at the flea market
I could **haggle** with the vendor and lower the item's price.

swirl

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym: spin, whirl, turn

(1) **swirl** the wine, (2) **swirl** up dirt and dust
The chef expertly **swirled** the sauce onto the plate.

worn-out

adj. exhausted or fatigued from overuse or prolonged activity; no longer effective or functional due to excessive wear or use

synonym: tired, exhausted, spent

(1) feeling **worn-out**, (2) **worn-out** machinery
The old carpet in the living room was so **worn-out** that it needed to be replaced.

cannon

n. a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting

synonym: artillery, gun, ordnance

(1) **cannon** salute, (2) **cannon** ball
The heavy **cannon** fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym: raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion
This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

conflate

v. to blend or fuse two or more things, often with the result of creating confusion or a loss of distinction between

them; to mistakenly treat two separate entities as one
synonym : fuse, blend, merge

(1) **conflate** ideas, (2) **conflate** data

It's important not to **conflate** two issues when analyzing a complex situation.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym : compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym : think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

synonym : inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information

By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. co____e augmented reality | <i>v.</i> to join or merge to form a single thing or group |
| 2. h__t a job | <i>v.</i> to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit |
| 3. f__t accomplishment | <i>n.</i> a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery |
| 4. a c__e to the diagnosis | <i>n.</i> an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery |
| 5. satellite im____y | <i>n.</i> the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events |
| 6. a cl__h between the two task forces | <i>n.</i> a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something |
| 7. an ab____d amount of money | <i>adj.</i> ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical |
| 8. con____ed plot | <i>adj.</i> extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand |
| 9. deadly pl____e | <i>n.</i> any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body |

ANSWERS: 1. combine, 2. hunt, 3. feat, 4. clue, 5. imagery, 6. clash, 7. absurd, 8. convoluted, 9. plague

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| 10. trigger a re_____on | <i>n.</i> a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others |
| 11. rhythmical pr___e | <i>n.</i> a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme |
| 12. have gr_____ue design | <i>adj.</i> bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre |
| 13. abiding res_____nt | <i>n.</i> bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly |
| 14. have the in_____ve talent | <i>adj.</i> able to come up with novel and unique ideas |
| 15. the f__k songs of a particular district | <i>n.</i> people in general, especially those of a particular group or type |
| 16. the at_____t to rescue the hostages | <i>n.</i> an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult |
| 17. free from am_____ty | <i>n.</i> the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning |
| 18. stuff of science fi_____n | <i>n.</i> the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true |
| 19. int_____le situation | <i>adj.</i> incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable |
| 20. sto_____ing performance | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories |

ANSWERS: 10. reaction, 11. prose, 12. grotesque, 13. resentment, 14. inventive, 15. folk, 16. attempt, 17. ambiguity, 18. fiction, 19. intolerable, 20. storytelling

21. na_____on of events *n.* the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account
22. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
23. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
24. basketball le____d *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
25. throughout the co____y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
26. oppressive co_____al rule *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
27. ve____l communication *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
28. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
29. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
30. start a new th____d *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

ANSWERS: 21. narration, 22. emotional, 23. embrace, 24. legend, 25. county, 26. colonial, 27. verbal, 28. violent, 29. aggressive, 30. thread

31. wo____be entrepreneur *adj.* indicating a person who aspires or attempts to be something but has not yet achieved that status or position
32. ac_____ic skills *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
33. an un_____ng mistake *adj.* without purpose or intent
34. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
35. co____y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
36. market f__y *n.* intense and often violent anger
37. sh_____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
38. feeling wo_____ut *adj.* exhausted or fatigued from overuse or prolonged activity; no longer effective or functional due to excessive wear or use
39. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
40. de_____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

ANSWERS: 31. would-be, 32. acrobatic, 33. unwitting, 34. tragedy, 35. county, 36. fury, 37. shocking, 38. worn-out, 39. undermine, 40. desperate

41. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
42. a la_____th of relationships *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
43. fo_____re myth *n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
44. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
45. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
46. walk ba_____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
47. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
48. desiccated co____e *n.* the dead body of a human being
49. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
50. st_____rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

ANSWERS: 41. gap, 42. labyrinth, 43. folklore, 44. identity, 45. recognize, 46. backward, 47. sect, 48. corpse, 49. apparently, 50. stubborn

51. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
52. golf ca__y *n.* a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs
53. wo_____ut machinery *adj.* exhausted or fatigued from overuse or prolonged activity; no longer effective or functional due to excessive wear or use
54. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
55. shopping re____ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
56. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
57. con_____ct each other *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
58. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
59. be_____er the reader *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
60. ov_____ke a rival *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

ANSWERS: 51. intense, 52. caddy, 53. worn-out, 54. surround, 55. reward, 56. myth, 57. contradict, 58. firsthand, 59. bewilder, 60. overtake

61. co____al style *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
62. a hi_____us anecdote *adj.* extremely funny
63. institution of sl_____y *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
64. catch the pl____e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
65. visual im_____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
66. an absolute de____l *n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist
67. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
68. take ev_____e action *adj.* not willing to give clear or direct answers to a question or commit to a request; avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger
69. dis_____ed speech *adj.* lacking coherence or connectivity; not flowing smoothly or logically; disconnected or fragmented

ANSWERS: 61. colonial, 62. hilarious, 63. slavery, 64. plague, 65. imagery, 66. denial, 67. property, 68. evasive, 69. disjointed

70. fi_____al character *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
71. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
72. an_____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
73. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
74. exaggerate in na_____on *n.* the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account
75. pr__e fiction *n.* a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
76. administrative co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
77. spe_____nd by her beauty *adj.* completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell
78. absentee la_____er *n.* a person or entity that owns the land, typically for agricultural or commercial use; a title or status indicating ownership of land
79. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
80. ri__d rules *adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
81. her de_____te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

ANSWERS: 70. fictional, 71. toy, 72. anxiety, 73. imaginary, 74. narration, 75. prose, 76. confusion, 77. spellbound, 78. landowner, 79. fortunate, 80. rigid, 81. desperate

82. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
83. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
84. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
85. in____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
86. sha_____per labor *n.* a farmer who cultivates a piece of land owned by someone else, usually in exchange for a share of the crops produced
87. a c__e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
88. sw__l the wine *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
89. prove unr____le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
90. indicate a wil_____ss to change *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
91. sl____y labor *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
92. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 82. myth, 83. bias, 84. folk, 85. intense, 86. sharecropper, 87. clue, 88. swirl, 89. unreliable, 90. willingness, 91. slavery, 92. sect

93. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
94. un_____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
95. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
96. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
97. commit a crime del_____ely *adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
98. ob_____ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
99. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
100. sha_____per system *n.* a farmer who cultivates a piece of land owned by someone else, usually in exchange for a share of the crops produced
101. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 93. reaction, 94. undermine, 95. attempt, 96. warn, 97. deliberately, 98. obsessive, 99. invite, 100. sharecropper, 101. invite

102. she hit him int_____lly	<i>adv.</i> in a planned or intended way
103. bitter res_____nt	<i>n.</i> bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly
104. re_____ze achievement	<i>v.</i> to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
105. gl____e around nervously	<i>v.</i> to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
106. ri__d structure	<i>adj.</i> extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
107. non-fi_____n bestseller	<i>n.</i> the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
108. far-right ra____t	<i>adj.</i> characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
109. in____e him to see a doctor	<i>v.</i> to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner
110. h__t after knowledge	<i>v.</i> to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
111. co_____e fantasy with reality	<i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
112. ca__y spoon	<i>n.</i> a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs

ANSWERS: 102. intentionally, 103. resentment, 104. recognize, 105. glance, 106. rigid, 107. fiction, 108. racist, 109. induce, 110. hunt, 111. confuse, 112. caddy

113. ra___l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
114. create me_____le experiences *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
115. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
116. spe_____nd audience *adj.* completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell
117. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
118. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
119. d__e the public *v.* to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them
120. die an un_____ly death *adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time
121. She int_____lly spread misleading information. *adv.* in a planned or intended way
122. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

ANSWERS: 113. racial, 114. memorable, 115. combine, 116. spellbound, 117. gap, 118. perspective, 119. dupe, 120. untimely, 121. intentionally, 122. bias

123. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
124. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
125. ha_____y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
126. 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
127. st_____rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
128. ha_____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
129. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
130. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
131. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 123. divide, 124. remarkable, 125. halfway, 126. process, 127. stubborn, 128. haunted, 129. aggressive, 130. confuse, 131. perception

132. re___k dripping with bitterness *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
133. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
134. neckless sup_____ly made of pure gold *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
135. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
136. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
137. gr_____ue appearance *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
138. 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
139. fo_____re tradition *n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
140. wo_____be actor *adj.* indicating a person who aspires or attempts to be something but has not yet achieved that status or position
141. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
142. a flattering re___k *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

ANSWERS: 132. remark, 133. breed, 134. supposedly, 135. surround, 136. trigger, 137. grotesque, 138. novel, 139. folklore, 140. would-be, 141. constantly, 142. remark

143. ha___e over the price
v. to negotiate a deal or price by bargaining in a persistent and often argumentative way; to argue or dispute over a price or other terms of a transaction
144. against tr_____on
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
145. un_____ly snowfall in May
adj. happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time
146. w__n a reckless driver
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
147. con_____ed legal language
adj. extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand
148. diagnosis of an_____y disorder
n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
149. greatest gl__y
n. great honor or success won by notable achievements
150. fa_____y novel
n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
151. th___d a catheter
n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

ANSWERS: 143. haggle, 144. tradition, 145. untimely, 146. warn, 147. convoluted, 148. anxiety, 149. glory, 150. fantasy, 151. thread

152. out_____sh proposal *adj.* bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal
153. del_____ely amateurish *adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
154. hi_____us mistake *adj.* extremely funny
155. sup_____ly identical *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
156. the co___e of an animal *n.* the dead body of a human being
157. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
158. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
159. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
160. ab___d storyline *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
161. a st__p staircase *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
162. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

ANSWERS: 152. outlandish, 153. deliberately, 154. hilarious, 155. supposedly, 156. corpse, 157. feat, 158. blind, 159. tragedy, 160. absurd, 161. steep, 162. distort

163. un_____ng victims	<i>adj.</i> without purpose or intent
164. br__e of noble birth	<i>n.</i> a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married
165. br__d suspicion	<i>v.</i> to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
166. per_____ng problem	<i>adj.</i> causing confusion or uncertainty; difficult to understand or explain; puzzling or mystifying
167. con_____ct the principle	<i>v.</i> to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
168. inv_____te the matter	<i>v.</i> to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
169. national ob_____on	<i>n.</i> the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
170. be_____er scientists	<i>v.</i> to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
171. gr__d bargain	<i>adj.</i> important and large in size, scope, or extent
172. me__y handling	<i>adj.</i> disorganized and untidy
173. personal na_____ve	<i>n.</i> a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
174. im_____ry pregnancy	<i>adj.</i> existing only in someone's mind

ANSWERS: 163. unwitting, 164. bride, 165. breed, 166. perplexing, 167. contradict, 168. investigate, 169. obsession, 170. bewilder, 171. grand, 172. messy, 173. narrative, 174. imaginary

175. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
176. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
177. a cl__h of viewpoints *n.* a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something
178. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
179. horizontal dis_____on *n.* the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted
180. avoid am_____ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
181. ha_____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
182. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
183. in_____ve approach *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
184. na_____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
185. dis_____on of the earth's surface *n.* the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted

ANSWERS: 175. divide, 176. blind, 177. clash, 178. contemplate, 179. distortion, 180. ambiguity, 181. haunted, 182. constantly, 183. inventive, 184. navigate, 185. distortion

186. ca___n salute *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
187. chemical pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
188. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
189. gl___e at him miserably *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
190. ho___r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
191. ra___l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
192. feudalistic la_____er *n.* a person or entity that owns the land, typically for agricultural or commercial use; a title or status indicating ownership of land
193. f__y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
194. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
195. co_____te data *v.* to blend or fuse two or more things, often with the result of creating confusion or a loss of distinction between them; to mistakenly treat two separate entities as one
196. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

ANSWERS: 186. cannon, 187. property, 188. reimagine, 189. glance, 190. horror, 191. racial, 192. landowner, 193. fury, 194. embrace, 195. conflate, 196. shocking

197. ov____ke a milestone *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
198. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
199. in___e a crisis *v.* to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner
200. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
201. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
202. ve___l abuse *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
203. non-fi_____al text *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
204. occ_____lly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
205. unr_____le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
206. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
207. ho___r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
208. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 197. overtake, 198. emotional, 199. induce, 200. contemplate, 201. investigate, 202. verbal, 203. fictional, 204. occasionally, 205. unreliable, 206. backward, 207. horror, 208. violent

209. ha____y decent job *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
210. ha____e at the flea market *v.* to negotiate a deal or price by bargaining in a persistent and often argumentative way; to argue or dispute over a price or other terms of a transaction
211. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
212. ex_____e the world *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
213. the heat is int_____le *adj.* incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable
214. out_____sh behavior *adj.* bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal
215. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
216. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

ANSWERS: 209. halfway, 210. haggle, 211. tradition, 212. explore, 213. intolerable, 214. outlandish, 215. fantasy, 216. identity

217. ac_____ic leaps *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
218. sp__n social norms *v.* to reject or disdain with contempt; to refuse to accept or consider; to treat with disdain or neglect
219. sp__n invitations *v.* to reject or disdain with contempt; to refuse to accept or consider; to treat with disdain or neglect
220. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
221. per_____ng situation *adj.* causing confusion or uncertainty; difficult to understand or explain; puzzling or mystifying
222. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
223. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
224. foreign po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
225. former gl___y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements

ANSWERS: 217. acrobatic, 218. spurn, 219. spurn, 220. mysterious, 221. perplexing, 222. navigate, 223. perspective, 224. policy, 225. glory

226. ra___t attitudes *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
227. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
228. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
229. ge_____de victims *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
230. occ_____lly change the routine *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
231. st__p discount *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
232. na_____e a news article *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
233. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
234. co_____te ideas *v.* to blend or fuse two or more things, often with the result of creating confusion or a loss of distinction between them; to mistakenly treat two separate entities as one
235. tr_____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

ANSWERS: 226. racist, 227. remarkable, 228. mysterious, 229. genocide, 230. occasionally, 231. steep, 232. narrate, 233. fortunate, 234. conflate, 235. trigger

236. vitreous hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
237. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
238. ob_____ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
239. keen per_____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
240. le___d of King Arthur *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
241. la_____thine pathways *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
242. least me_____le song *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

ANSWERS: 236. humor, 237. policy, 238. obsessive, 239. perception, 240. legend, 241. labyrinth, 242. memorable

243. 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
244. an ev____e answer *adj.* not willing to give clear or direct answers to a question or commit to a request; avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger
245. di____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
246. dis____ed narrative *adj.* lacking coherence or connectivity; not flowing smoothly or logically; disconnected or fragmented
247. ge____de resolution *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
248. re____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
249. na____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
250. or____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
251. me__y data *adj.* disorganized and untidy
252. June br__e *n.* a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married

ANSWERS: 243. process, 244. evasive, 245. distort, 246. disjointed, 247. genocide, 248. reimagine, 249. narrative, 250. origin, 251. messy, 252. bride

253. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
254. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
255. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
256. 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
257. sw__l up dirt and dust *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
258. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
259. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
260. wil_____ss to help *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
261. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
262. ca____n ball *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
263. state of de____l *n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist
264. t_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

ANSWERS: 253. firsthand, 254. origin, 255. storytelling, 256. explore, 257. swirl, 258. reward, 259. grand, 260. willingness, 261. obsession, 262. cannon, 263. denial, 264. toy

265. sardonic hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
266. 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
267. in great co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
268. na_____e an event *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
269. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
270. d__e him into believing *v.* to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them

ANSWERS: 265. humor, 266. novel, 267. confusion, 268. narrate, 269. apparently, 270. dupe

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.
n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

2. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

3. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

4. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

5. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

6. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

7. The _____ comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.
adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

ANSWERS: 1. county's, 2. recognize, 3. backward, 4. policy, 5. violent, 6. folk, 7. racist

8. Her _____ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.
adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
9. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.
v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
10. The heavy _____ fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.
n. a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
11. By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously _____.
adj. not able to be trusted or depended on
12. I was absolutely _____ by the beauty of the sunset.
adj. completely captivated or enchanted by something or someone; held under a powerful or magical spell
13. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
14. His _____ of the story was engaging and captivating.
n. the act or process of telling a story; the relating of a story or account
15. The _____ performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.
adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

ANSWERS: 8. obsessive, 9. distort, 10. cannon, 11. unreliable, 12. spellbound, 13. myth, 14. narration, 15. acrobatic

16. Her dress was a disturbing _____ of colors.
- n.* a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something
17. The _____ burglar was caught on the security camera and arrested by the police.
- adj.* indicating a person who aspires or attempts to be something but has not yet achieved that status or position
18. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
19. The lack of sleep _____ both physical and psychological diseases.
- v.* to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner
20. The crowd's _____ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.
- n.* intense and often violent anger
21. It's important not to _____ two issues when analyzing a complex situation.
- v.* to blend or fuse two or more things, often with the result of creating confusion or a loss of distinction between them; to mistakenly treat two separate entities as one
22. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
- adj.* having good luck or lucky
23. He gave his daughter a new _____ for her birthday.
- n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

ANSWERS: 16. clash, 17. would-be, 18. tradition, 19. induces, 20. fury, 21. conflate, 22. fortunate, 23. toy

24. James Joyce's books are full of long, _____ sentences.

adj. extraordinarily complicated and hard to understand

25. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

26. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

27. The names of the company are entirely _____.

adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

28. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

29. The novel's ambiguous ending left readers with a _____ message.

adj. causing confusion or uncertainty; difficult to understand or explain; puzzling or mystifying

30. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

31. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

32. The complex instructions on the assignment sheet _____ most students.

v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

ANSWERS: 24. convoluted, 25. surround, 26. sect, 27. fictional, 28. breeds, 29. perplexing, 30. shocking, 31. warn, 32. bewilder

33. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

34. The old carpet in the living room was so _____ that it needed to be replaced.

adj. exhausted or fatigued from overuse or prolonged activity; no longer effective or functional due to excessive wear or use

35. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

36. The _____ outfit drew the attention of everyone in the room.

adj. bizarre, strange, or unconventional in appearance, behavior, or thought, often in a way that is seen as foreign or exotic; unusual or strikingly different from what is expected or normal

37. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

38. The international community condemned the _____ in the country.

n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

39. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

40. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

ANSWERS: 33. blind, 34. worn-out, 35. tragedy, 36. outlandish, 37. property, 38. genocide, 39. combine, 40. aggressive

41. My wife seems to be in ill _____.

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

42. Her report was criticized as a gross _____ of the truth.

n. the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted

43. She _____ his advances and walked away.

v. to reject or disdain with contempt; to refuse to accept or consider; to treat with disdain or neglect

44. He _____ misleads others.

adv. done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

45. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

46. The _____ cliff made it difficult to climb.

adj. having a sharp inclination or slope

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

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

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

adj. relating to people's feelings

ANSWERS: 41. humor, 42. distortion, 43. spurned, 44. deliberately, 45. contemplated, 46. steep, 47. perspective, 48. emotional

49. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

50. The city has a rich _____ history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

51. 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

52. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

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

53. The detective followed a _____ of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

54. The _____ sculpture made me feel uneasy.

adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

ANSWERS: 49. hunt, 50. colonial, 51. process, 52. mysterious, 53. thread, 54. grotesque

55. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
56. Many of the _____ of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.
n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
57. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.
n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
58. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.
adv. based on what you have heard or read
59. The police found the _____ in the abandoned building.
n. the dead body of a human being
60. The audiobook hired a professional actor to _____ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.
v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
61. The comedian's stand-up routine was _____.
adj. extremely funny
62. He tried to _____ me into buying a product that didn't work.
v. to deceive or trick someone into believing something that is not true; to cheat or swindle someone; (noun) a person who has been deceived or tricked into believing something that is not true, often by someone who is trying to take advantage of them

ANSWERS: 55. haunted, 56. legends, 57. clue, 58. apparently, 59. corpse, 60.

narrate, 61. hilarious, 62. dupe

63. His rudeness was _____ not intentional.

adj. without purpose or intent

64. The chef expertly _____ the sauce onto the plate.

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

65. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

66. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

67. His candid _____ at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.

n. a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

68. This movie is famous for its romantic _____.

n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

69. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

70. He was unpopular because of his _____ adherence to the rules.

adj. extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

ANSWERS: 63. unwitting, 64. swirled, 65. perception, 66. fantasy, 67. remark, 68. imagery, 69. confused, 70. rigid

71. She waited for her daughter with _____.
- n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
72. Her _____ to help others earned her many friends.
- n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
73. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
- n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
74. The young _____ looked stunning in her wedding gown.
- n.* a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married
75. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
76. The candidate must have excellent _____ skills.
- adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
77. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
78. Chronic pain from the side effects of treatment made her life _____.
- adj.* incapable of being tolerated or endured; unacceptable

ANSWERS: 71. anxiety, 72. willingness, 73. reaction, 74. bride, 75. storytelling, 76. verbal, 77. invite, 78. intolerable

79. His passionate speech makes a _____ impression.

adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

80. I could _____ with the vendor and lower the item's price.

v. to negotiate a deal or price by bargaining in a persistent and often argumentative way; to argue or dispute over a price or other terms of a transaction

81. The woods _____ the house.

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

82. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.

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

83. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

84. All language around the world is consistently _____ but not intrusive.

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

85. 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

86. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

ANSWERS: 79. memorable, 80. haggle, 81. embrace, 82. undermine, 83. constantly, 84. inventive, 85. explore, 86. confusion

87. Truth is stranger than _____.

- n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

88. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

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

89. She gave us a categorical _____ of the scandal.

- n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist

90. It is preferable to die in _____ than to live in dishonor.

- n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements

91. I casually _____ into the small hut.

- v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

92. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

- adj.* disorganized and untidy

93. The _____ arrival of the storm ruined their plans for a picnic.

- adj.* happening at an inappropriate or unfortunate time

94. He is _____ nominated for a Nobel Prize.

- adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

95. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.

- adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 87. fiction, 88. identity, 89. denial, 90. glory, 91. glanced, 92. messy, 93. untimely, 94. supposedly, 95. intense

96. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
97. The area's _____ tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.
n. traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
98. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.
adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
99. The novel was written in _____ with no rhyme or meter.
n. a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
100. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
101. The abolition of _____ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.
n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
102. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
103. He was so _____ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.
adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

ANSWERS: 96. firsthand, 97. folklore, 98. racial, 99. prose, 100. divide, 101. slavery, 102. grand, 103. stubborn

104. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
105. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
106. The third _____ was far more successful.
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
107. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
108. The stories of war crimes filled her with _____.
n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
109. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.
n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
110. He admitted all wrongdoing without using any _____ words in his press conference.
adj. not willing to give clear or direct answers to a question or commit to a request; avoiding or escaping from difficulty or danger
111. The race car driver knew he had to _____ the other drivers to win the race.
v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

ANSWERS: 104. reimagine, 105. investigated, 106. attempt, 107. narrative, 108. horror, 109. plague, 110. evasive, 111. overtake

112. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

113. 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

114. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

115. The incident _____ a political controversy.

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

116. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

117. The tea _____ was a beautiful antique with intricate designs carved into the wood.

n. a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs

118. The _____ plot of the movie left many viewers needing clarification and satisfaction.

adj. lacking coherence or connectivity; not flowing smoothly or logically; disconnected or fragmented

119. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

ANSWERS: 112. rewards, 113. novel, 114. gap, 115. triggered, 116. absurd, 117. caddy, 118. disjointed, 119. desperate

120. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

121. The large _____ had a team of foresters to manage the timber on his properties.

n. a person or entity that owns the land, typically for agricultural or commercial use; a title or status indicating ownership of land

122. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

123. She researched gender _____ in politics.

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

124. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

125. The famous restaurant stands _____ up the hill.

adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

126. She would never _____ hurt anyone.

adv. in a planned or intended way

127. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 120. imaginary, 121. landowner, 122. navigate, 123. bias, 124. remarkable, 125. halfway, 126. intentionally, 127. feat

128. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
n. the first existence or beginning of something
129. She felt _____ towards her boss for not giving her a promotion.
n. bitterness or indignation at being treated unfairly
130. It was easy to get lost in the _____ of narrow alleyways in the old city.
n. a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
131. The _____ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.
n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
132. The book contains numerous statements that _____ previous reports.
v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
133. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
134. Many _____ in the South were impoverished and trapped in a cycle of debt.
n. a farmer who cultivates a piece of land owned by someone else, usually in exchange for a share of the crops produced
135. She still _____ writes a short romance novel.
adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

ANSWERS: 128. origin, 129. resentment, 130. labyrinth, 131. ambiguity, 132. contradict, 133. obsession, 134. sharecroppers, 135. occasionally

ANSWERS: