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Session 1: Word List

closet

n. a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes

synonym: cabinet, cupboard, locker

(1) **closet** full of suits, (2) walk-in **closets**

He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the **closet**.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym: wrench, turn, twirl

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

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

episode

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

synonym: event, chapter, seizure

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

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

totem

n. a sacred object or symbol that represents a person, family, clan, or community, often used in indigenous cultures as part of a belief system or religious practice

synonym: emblem, symbol, mascot

(1) tribal **totem**, (2) animal **totem**

The **totem** pole symbolized the tribe's culture and history, depicting important figures and events.

mercury

n. a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun

synonym: quicksilver, hydrargyrum, Hg

(1) **mercury** poisoning, (2) **Mercury** Plan

The **mercury** in the thermometer had risen to the boiling point.

outrun

v. to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit

synonym: outpace, outrank, outdistance

(1) **outrun** competitors, (2) **outrun** the cops

I'll need to **outrun** the rainstorm to make it home without getting soaked.

vandal

n. a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent

synonym: destroyer, defacer, hooligan

(1) teenage **vandal**, (2) graffiti **vandal**

The city installed security cameras to deter **vandals** from damaging public property.

artsy

adj. (also arty) relating to or characteristic of artists, especially those who are experimental, unconventional, avant-garde, or eclectic; having an interest in art, craft, or design, often in a creative, whimsical, or fanciful way

synonym: creative, artistic, imaginative

(1) **artsy** film, (2) **artsy** décor

The art exhibit showcased many different **artsy** pieces from

local artists.

gender

- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

- (1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

assume

- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

- (1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

steward

- n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym : caretaker, manager, custodian

- (1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

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.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic

synonym: excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

semaphore

n. a system of sending signals by means of two hand-held flags or lights whose positions indicate letters, words, or phrases; a signaling system that uses flags, lights, or mechanical arms to transmit coded information

synonym: flag, signal, beacon

(1) **semaphore** signal, (2) electronic **semaphore**

The sailor communicated with **semaphore** flags to signal the other ship.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

genetically

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

synonym: hereditary, inherited, family-related

(1) **genetically** inherited traits, (2) **genetically** manipulated plant

The **genetically** modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym: ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

appetite

n. a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something

synonym: hunger, appetite, craving

(1) **appetite** suppression, (2) loss of **appetite**

After a long hike, I had a huge **appetite** and devoured my meal in minutes.

laconic

adj. using very few words to say something, especially in speech

synonym: terse, concise, pithy

(1) **laconic** humor, (2) in a dry **laconic** manner

He was known for his **laconic** responses to questions.

gazelle

n. a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia

synonym: antelope, springbok, impala

(1) **gazelle** hunting, (2) graceful **gazelle**

The zookeeper carefully monitored the **gazelle's** diet to ensure it received proper nutrition.

bloody

adj. covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

synonym: gory, gruesome, savage

(1) **bloody** massacre, (2) **bloody** diarrhea

The crime scene was **bloody** and gruesome.

strut

v. to walk with a proud, stiff, and often exaggerated gait; to bulge or protrude outward, especially in a decorative or showy manner; (noun) a structural component designed to resist pressure or tension

synonym: swagger, strut, parade

(1) **strut** for support, (2) **strut** around the girls

She **strutted** out of the meeting after being challenged on her ideas.

paperwork

n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents

synonym: documentation, filing, office work

(1) **paperwork** process, (2) bureaucratic **paperwork**

The **paperwork** for the loan application was extensive.

calibrate

- v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

synonym: adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements

It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

smartphone

- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

victory

- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

synonym: win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

salvage

- n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation

synonym: rescue, recovery

(1) **salvage** operation, (2) **salvage** a sunken ship

The **salvage** yard was full of old cars waiting to be scrapped.

handcuff

- n.* a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process

synonym: shackle, bind, restraint

(1) **handcuff** his wrists, (2) break free from **handcuffs**
The police officer put **handcuffs** on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.

downtown

adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city
synonym: central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic
He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law
synonym: banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants
The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

squad

n. a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
synonym: team, unit, group

(1) a bomb-disposal **squad**, (2) antiriot **squad**
The police department assembled a special **squad** to handle the situation.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
synonym: chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business
What are the **odds** that he will survive?

preschool

adj. relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time
synonym: nursery, kindergarten, daycare

(1) **preschool** education, (2) during **preschool** years
My old school's **preschool** program was well-regarded and had an excellent reputation.

capture

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

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

zone

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

synonym: area, region, territory

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

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

shuck

v. to remove the shell or outer covering of something, such as a corn or an oyster; to discard or get rid of something, particularly something that is seen as useless or unwanted

synonym: peel, husk, shell

(1) **shuck** peas, (2) **shuck** oysters

I had to **shuck** the corn before I could cook it for dinner.

earnest

adj. characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

synonym: sincere, serious, genuine

(1) **earnest** attempt, (2) **earnest** conversation

He spoke in an **earnest** tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

license

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

synonym: permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**

Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

patrol

- n.* the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation

synonym: guard, watch, surveillance

- (1) **patrol** car, (2) border **patrol**

The highway **patrol** officer pulled over the speeding vehicle on the freeway.

curb

- v.* to restrain, limit, or control something; to reduce or put a stop to something undesirable; (noun) the raised edge or barrier along the edge of a street, road, or sidewalk

synonym: restrain, limit, control

- (1) **curb** appetite, (2) **curb** anxiety

He tried to **curb** his anger during the argument with his friend.

shackle

- n.* a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind

synonym: chains, fetters, handcuffs

- (1) **shackle** chains, (2) metal **shackle**

The prisoner wore heavy **shackles** on his wrists and ankles.

humiliate

- v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym: shame, embarrass, degrade

- (1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

scared

- adj.* afraid or frightened

synonym: frightened, fearful, dreading

- (1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

gasp

- v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

synonym: breathe, pant, heave

- (1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasp**ed when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

telepathy

- n.* the supposed ability to communicate directly with someone else's mind without the need for words or physical gestures; the transfer of thoughts or emotions from one person to another by means other than the physical senses

synonym: mind-reading, esp, thought transference

- (1) **telepathy** test, (2) **telepathy** experiment

The comic book hero had a **telepathy** power, which allowed him to read and control minds, making him a formidable foe

silent

- adj.* without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

- (1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

void

- n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force

synonym: emptiness, vacuity, (adjective) null

- (1) **void** of expression, (2) **void** contract

The **void** in her heart was filled with the love of her family.

mushroom

- n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

synonym: fungus, toadstool

- (1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

moss

n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

synonym: plant, foliage, greenery

(1) green **moss**, (2) **moss** garden

Moss grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

fungus

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym: mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

spine

n. the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column

synonym: backbone, vertebra, column

(1) the **spine** of a book, (2) a cervical **spine** injury

She has a minor curved **spine** due to desk work for many years.

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.

contempt

n. the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn

synonym: scorn, disdain, disrespect

(1) display **contempt**, (2) below **contempt**

The defendant's **contempt** for the court and its authority was evident in his behavior.

spirit

- n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

- (1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

unarmed

- adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons

synonym: defenseless, vulnerable, helpless

- (1) **unarmed** combat, (2) **unarmed** robbery

The **unarmed** protesters marched peacefully through the streets.

unrest

- n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace

synonym: disturbance, agitation, turmoil

- (1) **unrest** in the city, (2) cause **unrest**

The recent political **unrest** in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.

falsestto

- n.* a high-pitched, artificially-tightened singing voice, often used by male singers to reach high notes that are beyond their natural vocal range

synonym: high-pitched, alto, countertenor

- (1) sing in **falsestto**, (2) high **falsestto** voice

The singer hit an impressive **falsestto** note during the concert.

arch

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

synonym: turn, bow, arc

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

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

sparrow

n. a small, brown bird with a short tail and a chirping call
synonym: bird, finch, warbler

(1) **sparrow** species, (2) **sparrow** population

The **sparrow** was a common bird found in most parts of the world.

compete

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

synonym: contend, contest, vie

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

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

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.

dispatch

v. to send someone or something somewhere for a particular purpose; to send a message or piece of information

synonym: send, release, kill

(1) **dispatch** soldiers, (2) **dispatch** a letter

The ambulance was **dispatched** to the scene of the accident.

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

flesh

n. the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

synonym: meat, muscle, tissue

(1) grow in **flesh**, (2) **flesh** eating

The **flesh** of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

grace

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

synonym: charm, poise, elegance

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

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

magnanimous

adj. having or showing a generous, noble, and forgiving spirit; being unselfish and kind to others, especially those who have wronged or offended you

synonym: generous, benevolent, noble

(1) **magnanimous** forgiveness, (2) **magnanimous** attitude

The company's **magnanimous** donation to the charity helped many people in need.

hollow

adj. having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface

synonym: cavity, depression, concavity

(1) have **hollow** legs, (2) **hollow** sound

The tree had a **hollow** trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.

beard

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

synonym: facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

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.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym: congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

autonomous

adj. capable of governing or controlling its affairs

synonym: independent, self-governing, self-reliant

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

autonomous judiciary

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

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

synonym: wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files

He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

martyr

n. a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs

synonym: sufferer, saint

(1) X-ray **martyrs**, (2) a Christian **martyr**

He died a **martyr** to science.

freeway

n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

synonym: highway, expressway, motorway

(1) **freeway** exit, (2) expanded **freeway**

We got stuck in a traffic jam on the **freeway** for over an hour.

tune

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

synonym: melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

(1) the **tune** of a song, (2) **tune** a piano

The band played a beautiful **tune** on their instruments.

requiem

n. a musical composition or liturgical celebration honoring the memory of someone who has died; a somber or mournful piece of music or artistic work

synonym: threnody, dirge, funeral song

(1) **requiem** mass, (2) Mozart's **requiem**

The orchestra performed a moving **requiem** for the late conductor.

whiff

n. a brief and faint odor that is detected; a slight gust or puff of air; a hint or a trace of something; (verb) to catch a brief, slight smell of something

synonym: aroma, scent, odor

(1) **whiff** of smoke, (2) catch a **whiff**

The **whiff** of freshly baked bread made my mouth water.

revelation

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

synonym: disclosure, telling, annunciation

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

The shocking **revelation** embarrassed the administration.

bass

n. the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes

synonym: low-pitch, resonance

(1) **bass** guitar, (2) **bass** fisherman

The **bass** in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.

refrain

v. to avoid or stop doing something; to hold oneself back from an action

synonym: abstain, desist, forgo

(1) **refrain** from alcohol, (2) **refrain** from religious activity
He **refrained** from commenting on the controversial topic.

placate

v. to make someone less angry or hostile; to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated

synonym: appease, pacify, soothe

(1) **placate** anger, (2) **placate** my fears

The manager tried to **placate** the angry customer by offering a refund.

fade

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

synonym: languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance
My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

baseline

n. a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

synonym: standard, criterion

(1) **baseline** budget, (2) establish a **baseline**

The products they sell are the **baseline** for performance in the industry.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym: idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

assert

v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

synonym: maintain, state, declare

(1) **assert** a free society, (2) **assert** a claim for unjust enrichment

She **asserted** that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

plausible

adj. seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing

synonym: probable, conceivable, credible

(1) **plausible** explanation, (2) a **plausible** liar

She could find no **plausible** explanation for its failure.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

genre

n. a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

synonym: type, category, style

(1) **genre** of music, (2) a literary **genre**

He is known for creating **genre-busting** paintings.

angel

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

synonym: messenger, spirit, celestial being

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

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

heaven

n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

synonym: paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

rear

adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

synonym: back, end, behind

(1) the **rear** gate, (2) **rear** children

The player quickly went to the **rear** side of the defender.

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym: implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

fraction

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

synonym: piece, part, fragment

(1) a **fractional** share of the vote, (2) a numerator in a **fraction**

He spent only a **fraction** of his earnings.

survive

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

synonym: endure, persist, stay

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

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

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym: angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

frequency

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: recurrence, repetition, regularity

(1) **frequency** band, (2) high **frequency**

The oscillator hunts for the correct **frequency**.

sustained

adj. lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense

synonym: prolonged, extended, continual

(1) **sustained** economic growth, (2) **sustained** release medication

The company experienced **sustained** growth over the past decade.

registration

n. the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

synonym: enrollment, registry, record-keeping

(1) **registration** agency, (2) **registration** for a course

The online **registration** process was quick and easy to complete.

skullcap

n. a small close-fitting cap, particularly one worn as part of a uniform or in religious ceremonies; a plant of the mint family, used in herbal medicine for its calming and relaxing properties

synonym: beanie, cap, hat

(1) herbal **skullcap**, (2) surgical **skullcap**

I wore a protective **skullcap** while riding my bike to prevent head injuries.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity
The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow
We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

tar

n. a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood
synonym: asphalt, pitch, bitumen

(1) **tar** residue, (2) **tar** component
The road workers spread **tar** over the cracks in the pavement to prevent water and ice from causing further damage.

tobacco

n. a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine
synonym: smoking, nicotine, cigar

(1) **tobacco** industry, (2) a mild **tobacco**
Tobacco product is a leading cause of preventable deaths worldwide.

cotton

n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**
The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
synonym: muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano
The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the

field.

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym: foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

overrule

v. to make a decision or judgment that is different from an earlier one; to overturn or override a decision or action

synonym: override, countermand, supersede

(1) **overrule** decision, (2) **overrule** judgment

The judge **overruled** the objection and allowed the evidence to be presented.

angelic

adj. resembling or having the qualities of an angel, such as purity, kindness, and gentle beauty; divine or heavenly; having an innocent, unspoiled appearance

synonym: heavenly, celestial, divine

(1) **angelic** face, (2) **angelic** choir

The singer's **angelic** voice brought tears to the audience's eyes.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

restless

adj. unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy

synonym: agitated, anxious, disturbed

(1) a **restless** person, (2) **restless** waves

He felt **restless** and constantly changed his postures.

holy

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

synonym: sacred, religious, divine

(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine

They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.

mercy

n. compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm

synonym: clemency, leniency, compassion

(1) **mercy** killing, (2) **mercy** stroke

He begged for **mercy** and pleaded for his life.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ca_____te machinery | <i>v.</i> to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance |
| 2. sma_____ne addict | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 3. un____t in the city | <i>n.</i> a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace |
| 4. t__e a piano | <i>n.</i> a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard |
| 5. ea____t conversation | <i>adj.</i> characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment |
| 6. in a dry la____c manner | <i>adj.</i> using very few words to say something, especially in speech |
| 7. sa____e a sunken ship | <i>n.</i> the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation |
| 8. an____c face | <i>adj.</i> resembling or having the qualities of an angel, such as purity, kindness, and gentle beauty; divine or heavenly; having an innocent, unspoiled appearance |

ANSWERS: 1. calibrate, 2. smartphone, 3. unrest, 4. tune, 5. earnest, 6. laconic, 7. salvage, 8. angelic

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| 9. mag_____us forgiveness | <i>adj.</i> having or showing a generous, noble, and forgiving spirit; being unselfish and kind to others, especially those who have wronged or offended you |
| 10. aggressive in_____ct | <i>n.</i> an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true |
| 11. sexual pr_____ors | <i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others |
| 12. deputy pr__e minister | <i>adj.</i> main or most important; basic |
| 13. development of aut_____us vehicles | <i>adj.</i> capable of governing or controlling its affairs |
| 14. ar__y dīcor | <i>adj.</i> (also arty) relating to or characteristic of artists, especially those who are experimental, unconventional, avant-garde, or eclectic; having an interest in art, craft, or design, often in a creative, whimsical, or fanciful way |
| 15. fr_____cy band | <i>n.</i> an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split |
| 16. the r__r gate | <i>adj.</i> at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult |
| 17. a cervical sp__e injury | <i>n.</i> the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column |
| 18. a reckless at_____t | <i>n.</i> an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult |

ANSWERS: 9. magnanimous, 10. instinct, 11. predator, 12. prime, 13. autonomous, 14. artsy, 15. frequency, 16. rear, 17. spine, 18. attempt

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| 19. ascend to he___n | <i>n.</i> (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty |
| 20. te_____hy experiment | <i>n.</i> the supposed ability to communicate directly with someone else's mind without the need for words or physical gestures; the transfer of thoughts or emotions from one person to another by means other than the physical senses |
| 21. make a pi__h for a new product | <i>n.</i> the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something |
| 22. loss of ap_____te | <i>n.</i> a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something |
| 23. em_____ed systems | <i>adj.</i> fixed firmly into the surface of something |
| 24. na_____te through a document | <i>v.</i> to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map |
| 25. a pl_____le liar | <i>adj.</i> seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing |
| 26. the su_____e commander | <i>adj.</i> highest in rank, level, or importance |
| 27. the a__h of a person's foot | <i>n.</i> a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building |

ANSWERS: 19. heaven, 20. telepathy, 21. pitch, 22. appetite, 23. embedded, 24. navigate, 25. plausible, 26. supreme, 27. arch

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| 28. a fr____onal share of the vote | <i>n.</i> a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers |
| 29. a bomb-disposal sq__d | <i>n.</i> a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team |
| 30. shave my be__d | <i>n.</i> hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin |
| 31. say a gr__e | <i>n.</i> a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal |
| 32. supply ch__n | <i>n.</i> a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle |
| 33. as__t a claim for unjust enrichment | <i>v.</i> to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true |
| 34. un____d combat | <i>adj.</i> without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons |
| 35. justice of the su____e court | <i>adj.</i> highest in rank, level, or importance |
| 36. as__e a lousy attitude to his boss | <i>v.</i> to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance |

ANSWERS: 28. fraction, 29. squad, 30. beard, 31. grace, 32. chain, 33. assert, 34. unarmed, 35. supreme, 36. assume

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| 37. b__s fisherman | <i>n.</i> the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes |
| 38. ex_____e in popularity | <i>v.</i> to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open |
| 39. pa_____rk process | <i>n.</i> administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents |
| 40. cl___t full of suits | <i>n.</i> a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes |
| 41. as___e an important role | <i>v.</i> to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance |
| 42. culture of co___n | <i>n.</i> a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing |
| 43. un_____d robbery | <i>adj.</i> without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons |
| 44. the sp__e of a book | <i>n.</i> the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column |
| 45. a black be__d | <i>n.</i> hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin |

ANSWERS: 37. bass, 38. explode, 39. paperwork, 40. closet, 41. assume, 42. cotton, 43. unarmed, 44. spine, 45. beard

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| 46. the worst case sc____io | <i>n.</i> a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work |
| 47. vi____y over terrorism | <i>n.</i> success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won |
| 48. antiriot sq__d | <i>n.</i> a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team |
| 49. gen______ly manipulated plant | <i>adv.</i> in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity |
| 50. reg______ion for a course | <i>n.</i> the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark |
| 51. a numerator in a fr____on | <i>n.</i> a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers |
| 52. three-fourths of a po__d | <i>n.</i> the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces |
| 53. p__y for rain | <i>v.</i> to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request |
| 54. su______ed economic growth | <i>adj.</i> lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense |

ANSWERS: 46. scenario, 47. victory, 48. squad, 49. genetically, 50. registration, 51. fraction, 52. pound, 53. pray, 54. sustained

55. during pr_____ol years *adj.* relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time
56. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
57. sc___d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
58. c___b anxiety *v.* to restrain, limit, or control something; to reduce or put a stop to something undesirable; (noun) the raised edge or barrier along the edge of a street, road, or sidewalk
59. time z___e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
60. teenage va___l *n.* a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent
61. ch___n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
62. fu___s infection *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

ANSWERS: 55. preschool, 56. gender, 57. scared, 58. curb, 59. zone, 60. vandal, 61. chain, 62. fungus

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| 63. st____d service | <i>n.</i> a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc. |
| 64. bureaucratic pa_____rk | <i>n.</i> administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents |
| 65. sing in fa_____to | <i>n.</i> a high-pitched, artificially-tightened singing voice, often used by male singers to reach high notes that are beyond their natural vocal range |
| 66. environmental th____t | <i>n.</i> a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation |
| 67. r__r children | <i>adj.</i> at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult |
| 68. graceful ga_____e | <i>n.</i> a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia |
| 69. co_____al combination of funds | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 70. sp_____w species | <i>n.</i> a small, brown bird with a short tail and a chirping call |
| 71. below co_____pt | <i>n.</i> the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn |

ANSWERS: 63. steward, 64. paperwork, 65. falsetto, 66. threat, 67. rear, 68. gazelle, 69. communal, 70. sparrow, 71. contempt

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| 72. ca____e a glimpse | <i>v.</i> to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape |
| 73. herbal sk____ap | <i>n.</i> a small close-fitting cap, particularly one worn as part of a uniform or in religious ceremonies; a plant of the mint family, used in herbal medicine for its calming and relaxing properties |
| 74. su____ed release medication | <i>adj.</i> lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense |
| 75. Mozart's re____m | <i>n.</i> a musical composition or liturgical celebration honoring the memory of someone who has died; a somber or mournful piece of music or artistic work |
| 76. ap____te suppression | <i>n.</i> a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something |
| 77. ou____n competitors | <i>v.</i> to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit |
| 78. reg____ion agency | <i>n.</i> the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark |
| 79. c__b appetite | <i>v.</i> to restrain, limit, or control something; to reduce or put a stop to something undesirable; (noun) the raised edge or barrier along the edge of a street, road, or sidewalk |

ANSWERS: 72. capture, 73. skullcap, 74. sustained, 75. requiem, 76. appetite, 77. outrun, 78. registration, 79. curb

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| 80. su____e a plane crash | <i>v.</i> to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period |
| 81. electronic se_____re | <i>n.</i> a system of sending signals by means of two hand-held flags or lights whose positions indicate letters, words, or phrases; a signaling system that uses flags, lights, or mechanical arms to transmit coded information |
| 82. ov_____le decision | <i>v.</i> to make a decision or judgment that is different from an earlier one; to overturn or override a decision or action |
| 83. ha_____ff his wrists | <i>n.</i> a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process |
| 84. a low-pi__hed sound | <i>n.</i> the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something |
| 85. vi_____y in the law court | <i>n.</i> success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won |
| 86. a tr_____on of a culture | <i>n.</i> a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society |

ANSWERS: 80. survive, 81. semaphore, 82. overrule, 83. handcuff, 84. pitch, 85. victory, 86. tradition

87. graffiti va___l *n.* a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent
88. LED-em____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
89. software li____e *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
90. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
91. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
92. ca_____te measurements *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
93. pl_____e anger *v.* to make someone less angry or hostile; to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated

ANSWERS: 87. vandal, 88. embedded, 89. license, 90. spirit, 91. spirit, 92. calibrate, 93. placate

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| 94. f__e away almost completely | <i>v.</i> | to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness |
| 95. the at____t to rescue the hostages | <i>n.</i> | an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult |
| 96. tribal to__m | <i>n.</i> | a sacred object or symbol that represents a person, family, clan, or community, often used in indigenous cultures as part of a belief system or religious practice |
| 97. sp____w population | <i>n.</i> | a small, brown bird with a short tail and a chirping call |
| 98. fallen an__l | <i>n.</i> | a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo |
| 99. to____o industry | <i>n.</i> | a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine |
| 100. number of different sc____ios | <i>n.</i> | a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work |
| 101. la____c humor | <i>adj.</i> | using very few words to say something, especially in speech |
| 102. do____wn traffic | <i>adv.</i> | in or towards the central area of a town or city |
| 103. do____wn building | <i>adv.</i> | in or towards the central area of a town or city |
| 104. f__e in importance | <i>v.</i> | to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness |

ANSWERS: 94. fade, 95. attempt, 96. totem, 97. sparrow, 98. angel, 99. tobacco, 100. scenario, 101. laconic, 102. downtown, 103. downtown, 104. fade

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| 105. in____ct for self-preservation | <i>n.</i> an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true |
| 106. re____n from alcohol | <i>v.</i> to avoid or stop doing something; to hold oneself back from an action |
| 107. sh__k oysters | <i>v.</i> to remove the shell or outer covering of something, such as a corn or an oyster; to discard or get rid of something, particularly something that is seen as useless or unwanted |
| 108. sa____e operation | <i>n.</i> the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation |
| 109. against tr____on | <i>n.</i> a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society |
| 110. he___n on earth | <i>n.</i> (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty |
| 111. mu____om cultivation | <i>n.</i> a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap |

ANSWERS: 105. instinct, 106. refrain, 107. shuck, 108. salvage, 109. tradition, 110. heaven, 111. mushroom

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| 112. fl__h eating | <i>n.</i> the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures |
| 113. an a__h-shaped stone structure | <i>n.</i> a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building |
| 114. o__s in favor | <i>n.</i> the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen |
| 115. the t__e of a song | <i>n.</i> a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard |
| 116. heavy tr____c | <i>n.</i> the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time |
| 117. pr____ol education | <i>adj.</i> relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time |
| 118. ov____le judgment | <i>v.</i> to make a decision or judgment that is different from an earlier one; to overturn or override a decision or action |
| 119. a h__y shrine | <i>adj.</i> of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion |
| 120. sh__k peas | <i>v.</i> to remove the shell or outer covering of something, such as a corn or an oyster; to discard or get rid of something, particularly something that is seen as useless or unwanted |

ANSWERS: 112. flesh, 113. arch, 114. odds, 115. tune, 116. traffic, 117. preschool, 118. overrule, 119. holy, 120. shuck

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| 121. economic th__t | <i>n.</i> a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation |
| 122. catch a wh__f | <i>n.</i> a brief and faint odor that is detected; a slight gust or puff of air; a hint or a trace of something; (verb) to catch a brief, slight smell of something |
| 123. su____t a plot | <i>v.</i> to consider anything to be actual or probable |
| 124. l__t sagging skin | <i>v.</i> to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position |
| 125. fr____y exit | <i>n.</i> a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways |
| 126. na____te the Pacific | <i>v.</i> to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map |
| 127. surgical sk____ap | <i>n.</i> a small close-fitting cap, particularly one worn as part of a uniform or in religious ceremonies; a plant of the mint family, used in herbal medicine for its calming and relaxing properties |
| 128. app____ly unrelated | <i>adv.</i> based on what you have heard or read |

ANSWERS: 121. threat, 122. whiff, 123. suspect, 124. lift, 125. freeway, 126. navigate, 127. skullcap, 128. apparently

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| 129. sma_____ne app developer | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 130. tw__t around to the left | <i>v.</i> to bend or turn something into a certain shape |
| 131. pl_____e my fears | <i>v.</i> to make someone less angry or hostile; to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated |
| 132. sc___d dog | <i>adj.</i> afraid or frightened |
| 133. g__p in shock | <i>v.</i> to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise |
| 134. the rev_____on of a secret | <i>n.</i> a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency |
| 135. ho___w sound | <i>adj.</i> having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface |
| 136. er__e a memory | <i>v.</i> to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it |
| 137. pa___l car | <i>n.</i> the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation |
| 138. t_r component | <i>n.</i> a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood |

ANSWERS: 129. smartphone, 130. twist, 131. placate, 132. scared, 133. gasp, 134. revelation, 135. hollow, 136. erase, 137. patrol, 138. tar

139. have ho___w legs *adj.* having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
140. ar___y film *adj.* (also arty) relating to or characteristic of artists, especially those who are experimental, unconventional, avant-garde, or eclectic; having an interest in art, craft, or design, often in a creative, whimsical, or fanciful way
141. mag_____us attitude *adj.* having or showing a generous, noble, and forgiving spirit; being unselfish and kind to others, especially those who have wronged or offended you
142. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
143. g__p for air *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
144. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
145. se_____re signal *n.* a system of sending signals by means of two hand-held flags or lights whose positions indicate letters, words, or phrases; a signaling system that uses flags, lights, or mechanical arms to transmit coded information
146. border pa____l *n.* the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation

ANSWERS: 139. hollow, 140. artsy, 141. magnanimous, 142. compete, 143. gasp, 144. suspect, 145. semaphore, 146. patrol

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| 147. bl___y diarrhea | <i>adj.</i> covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality |
| 148. p___y devoutly | <i>v.</i> to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request |
| 149. hu_____te the heckler in the audience | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information |
| 150. m___s garden | <i>n.</i> a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks |
| 151. dual ge___r | <i>n.</i> the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology |
| 152. ou___n the cops | <i>v.</i> to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit |
| 153. a h___y man | <i>adj.</i> of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion |
| 154. b___s guitar | <i>n.</i> the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes |
| 155. app_____ly simple | <i>adv.</i> based on what you have heard or read |

ANSWERS: 147. bloody, 148. pray, 149. humiliate, 150. moss, 151. gender, 152. outrun, 153. holy, 154. bass, 155. apparently

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| 156. co___n cloth | <i>n.</i> a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing |
| 157. st___e a blow | <i>v.</i> to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon |
| 158. st__t for support | <i>v.</i> to walk with a proud, stiff, and often exaggerated gait; to bulge or protrude outward, especially in a decorative or showy manner; (noun) a structural component designed to resist pressure or tension |
| 159. a Christian ma___r | <i>n.</i> a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs |
| 160. mu____om spores | <i>n.</i> a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap |
| 161. child of il____l immigrants | <i>adj.</i> not allowed by law |
| 162. ep____e of vertigo | <i>n.</i> a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness |
| 163. pr__e number | <i>adj.</i> main or most important; basic |
| 164. m_d wall | <i>n.</i> a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay |
| 165. expanded fr____y | <i>n.</i> a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways |

ANSWERS: 156. cotton, 157. strike, 158. strut, 159. martyr, 160. mushroom, 161. illegal, 162. episode, 163. prime, 164. mud, 165. freeway

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| 166. end of the first ep____e | <i>n.</i> a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness |
| 167. ro____ic breakup | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to love or a sexual relationship |
| 168. green m__s | <i>n.</i> a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks |
| 169. metal sh____e | <i>n.</i> a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind |
| 170. symbiotic fu____s | <i>n.</i> a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive |
| 171. er__ed the files | <i>v.</i> to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it |
| 172. ca____e customers' hearts | <i>v.</i> to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape |
| 173. me__y stroke | <i>n.</i> compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm |
| 174. me__y killing | <i>n.</i> compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm |

ANSWERS: 166. episode, 167. romantic, 168. moss, 169. shackle, 170. fungus, 171. erase, 172. capture, 173. mercy, 174. mercy

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| 175. Me_____y Plan | <i>n.</i> a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun |
| 176. high fa_____to voice | <i>n.</i> a high-pitched, artificially-tightened singing voice, often used by male singers to reach high notes that are beyond their natural vocal range |
| 177. ea_____t attempt | <i>adj.</i> characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment |
| 178. display co_____pt | <i>n.</i> the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn |
| 179. re_____m mass | <i>n.</i> a musical composition or liturgical celebration honoring the memory of someone who has died; a somber or mournful piece of music or artistic work |
| 180. m_d volcano | <i>n.</i> a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay |
| 181. ba_____ne budget | <i>n.</i> a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court |
| 182. pr__e of a company | <i>n.</i> a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements |
| 183. high fr_____cy | <i>n.</i> an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split |

ANSWERS: 175. mercury, 176. falsetto, 177. earnest, 178. contempt, 179. requiem, 180. mud, 181. baseline, 182. pride, 183. frequency

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| 184. grow in fl__h | <i>n.</i> the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures |
| 185. st____d duties | <i>n.</i> a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc. |
| 186. su____e a blizzard | <i>v.</i> to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period |
| 187. bl___y massacre | <i>adj.</i> covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality |
| 188. li____e renewal | <i>n.</i> an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service |
| 189. ex____e in anger | <i>v.</i> to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open |
| 190. hide his pr__e | <i>n.</i> a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements |
| 191. a divine rev____on | <i>n.</i> a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency |

ANSWERS: 184. flesh, 185. steward, 186. survive, 187. bloody, 188. license, 189. explode, 190. pride, 191. revelation

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| 192. re____n from religious activity | <i>v.</i> | to avoid or stop doing something; to hold oneself back from an action |
| 193. a literary ge__e | <i>n.</i> | a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics |
| 194. end of the gr__e period | <i>n.</i> | a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal |
| 195. t_r residue | <i>n.</i> | a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood |
| 196. thousands of po__ds | <i>n.</i> | the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces |
| 197. walk-in cl__ts | <i>n.</i> | a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes |
| 198. tr____c jam | <i>n.</i> | the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time |
| 199. gen____ly inherited traits | <i>adv.</i> | in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity |

ANSWERS: 192. refrain, 193. genre, 194. grace, 195. tar, 196. pound, 197. closet, 198. traffic, 199. genetically

200. di____ch soldiers	<i>v.</i> to send someone or something somewhere for a particular purpose; to send a message or piece of information
201. tw__t a wet towel	<i>v.</i> to bend or turn something into a certain shape
202. animal to__m	<i>n.</i> a sacred object or symbol that represents a person, family, clan, or community, often used in indigenous cultures as part of a belief system or religious practice
203. an aut____us judiciary	<i>adj.</i> capable of governing or controlling its affairs
204. apex pr____or	<i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
205. sh____e chains	<i>n.</i> a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind
206. hu____te him publicly	<i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
207. an____c choir	<i>adj.</i> resembling or having the qualities of an angel, such as purity, kindness, and gentle beauty; divine or heavenly; having an innocent, unspoiled appearance
208. te____hy test	<i>n.</i> the supposed ability to communicate directly with someone else's mind without the need for words or physical gestures; the transfer of thoughts or emotions from one person to another by means other than the physical senses

ANSWERS: 200. dispatch, 201. twist, 202. totem, 203. autonomous, 204. predator, 205. shackle, 206. humiliate, 207. angelic, 208. telepathy

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| 209. v__d contract | <i>n.</i> an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force |
| 210. an__l investors | <i>n.</i> a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo |
| 211. ga____e hunting | <i>n.</i> a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia |
| 212. si__t reading | <i>adj.</i> without any or little sound |
| 213. me____y poisoning | <i>n.</i> a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun |
| 214. il____l drugs | <i>adj.</i> not allowed by law |
| 215. co____e against a friend | <i>v.</i> to strive to achieve more success than someone or something |
| 216. pl____le explanation | <i>adj.</i> seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing |
| 217. break free from ha____ffs | <i>n.</i> a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process |

ANSWERS: 209. void, 210. angel, 211. gazelle, 212. silent, 213. mercury, 214. illegal, 215. compete, 216. plausible, 217. handcuff

218. as___t a free society *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
219. l___t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
220. wh___f of smoke *n.* a brief and faint odor that is detected; a slight gust or puff of air; a hint or a trace of something; (verb) to catch a brief, slight smell of something
221. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
222. re_____ss waves *adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
223. establish a ba_____ne *n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
224. a re_____ss person *adj.* unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy
225. cause un___t *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
226. z___e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
227. o___s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
228. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 218. assert, 219. lift, 220. whiff, 221. silent, 222. restless, 223. baseline, 224. restless, 225. unrest, 226. zone, 227. odds, 228. strike

229. X-ray ma___rs	<i>n.</i> a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs
230. di_____ch a letter	<i>v.</i> to send someone or something somewhere for a particular purpose; to send a message or piece of information
231. v__d of expression	<i>n.</i> an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
232. st__t around the girls	<i>v.</i> to walk with a proud, stiff, and often exaggerated gait; to bulge or protrude outward, especially in a decorative or showy manner; (noun) a structural component designed to resist pressure or tension
233. co_____al swimming pool	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
234. ge__e of music	<i>n.</i> a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
235. a mild to_____o	<i>n.</i> a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine
236. ro_____ic movies	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

ANSWERS: 229. martyr, 230. dispatch, 231. void, 232. strut, 233. communal, 234. genre, 235. tobacco, 236. romantic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The tree had a _____ trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.

adj. having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface

2. She could find no _____ explanation for its failure.

adj. seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing

3. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

4. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

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

5. He spent only a _____ of his earnings.

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

6. The art exhibit showcased many different _____ pieces from local artists.

adj. (also arty) relating to or characteristic of artists, especially those who are experimental, unconventional, avant-garde, or eclectic; having an interest in art, craft, or design, often in a creative, whimsical, or fanciful way

7. After a long hike, I had a huge _____ and devoured my meal in minutes.

n. a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something

ANSWERS: 1. hollow, 2. plausible, 3. exploded, 4. survive, 5. fraction, 6. artsy, 7. appetite

8. He is known for creating _____ paintings.
- n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
9. The police department assembled a special _____ to handle the situation.
- n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
10. She has a minor curved _____ due to desk work for many years.
- n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column
11. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
- n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
12. The highway _____ officer pulled over the speeding vehicle on the freeway.
- n.* the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation
13. The online _____ process was quick and easy to complete.
- n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
14. The _____ in the thermometer had risen to the boiling point.
- n.* a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun

ANSWERS: 8. genre-busting, 9. squad, 10. spine, 11. instinct, 12. patrol, 13. registration, 14. mercury

15. He begged for _____ and pleaded for his life.

- n.* compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm

16. The _____ yard was full of old cars waiting to be scrapped.

- n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation

17. The player quickly went to the _____ side of the defender.

- adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

18. The _____ modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

- adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

19. The _____ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

- n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

20. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

21. The defendant's _____ for the court and its authority was evident in his behavior.

- n.* the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn

ANSWERS: 15. mercy, 16. salvage, 17. rear, 18. genetically, 19. steward, 20. gender, 21. contempt

22. The _____ bears the weight of the overhead bridge.
- n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
23. She _____ that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.
- v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
24. The _____ in the music was so deep that it vibrated the floor.
- n.* the lowest part in polyphonic music; a type of fish belonging to the large order Perciformes, or perch-like fishes
25. My old school's _____ program was well-regarded and had an excellent reputation.
- adj.* relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time
26. The _____ pole symbolized the tribe's culture and history, depicting important figures and events.
- n.* a sacred object or symbol that represents a person, family, clan, or community, often used in indigenous cultures as part of a belief system or religious practice
27. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
- v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
28. The boss _____ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.
- v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
29. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
- v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 22. arch, 23. asserted, 24. bass, 25. preschool, 26. totem, 27. suspected, 28. humiliated, 29. lifted

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

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

31. It's important to _____ the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

v. to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

32. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

33. The singer hit an impressive _____ note during the concert.

n. a high-pitched, artificially-tightened singing voice, often used by male singers to reach high notes that are beyond their natural vocal range

34. The oscillator hunts for the correct _____.

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

35. He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the _____.

n. a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes

36. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.

adj. not allowed by law

37. The comic book hero had a _____ power, which allowed him to read and control minds, making him a formidable foe

n. the supposed ability to communicate directly with someone else's mind without the need for words or physical gestures; the transfer of thoughts or emotions from one person to another by means other than the physical senses

ANSWERS: 30. fade, 31. calibrate, 32. embedded, 33. falsetto, 34. frequency, 35. closet, 36. illegal, 37. telepathy

38. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

- n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

39. The _____ in her heart was filled with the love of her family.

- n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force

40. The singer's _____ voice brought tears to the audience's eyes.

- adj.* resembling or having the qualities of an angel, such as purity, kindness, and gentle beauty; divine or heavenly; having an innocent, unspoiled appearance

41. The company's _____ donation to the charity helped many people in need.

- adj.* having or showing a generous, noble, and forgiving spirit; being unselfish and kind to others, especially those who have wronged or offended you

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

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

43. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.

- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

44. 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

ANSWERS: 38. chain, 39. void, 40. angelic, 41. magnanimous, 42. angel, 43. traffic, 44. tradition

45. The third _____ was far more successful.

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

46. The city installed security cameras to deter _____ from damaging public property.

n. a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent

47. He died a _____ to science.

n. a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs

48. The road workers spread ____ over the cracks in the pavement to prevent water and ice from causing further damage.

n. a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood

49. He spoke in an _____ tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

adj. characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

50. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

51. The prisoner wore heavy _____ on his wrists and ankles.

n. a metal ring, bar, or other device used to confine, restrain, or limit freedom of movement; a restraint or impediment of any kind

ANSWERS: 45. attempt, 46. vandals, 47. martyr, 48. tar, 49. earnest, 50. pride, 51. shackles

52. The sailor communicated with _____ flags to signal the other ship.
n. a system of sending signals by means of two hand-held flags or lights whose positions indicate letters, words, or phrases; a signaling system that uses flags, lights, or mechanical arms to transmit coded information
53. What are the ____ that he will survive?
n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
54. I'm _____ of insects.
adj. afraid or frightened
55. He tried to ____ his anger during the argument with his friend.
v. to restrain, limit, or control something; to reduce or put a stop to something undesirable; (noun) the raised edge or barrier along the edge of a street, road, or sidewalk
56. The _____ for the loan application was extensive.
n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
57. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
58. The ____ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.
n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
59. He decided to take a walk _____ area to explore the city.
adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

ANSWERS: 52. semaphore, 53. odds, 54. scared, 55. curb, 56. paperwork, 57. capture, 58. mud, 59. downtown

60. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.
n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
61. The ambulance was _____ to the scene of the accident.
v. to send someone or something somewhere for a particular purpose; to send a message or piece of information
62. _____ product is a leading cause of preventable deaths worldwide.
n. a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine
63. They gathered to hear the _____ teachings of the guru.
adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
64. The police officer put _____ on the suspect before placing them in the squad car.
n. a pair of metal restraints that are designed to lock around a person's wrists and prevent them from moving their hands freely; (verb) to restrain or restrict the movement of a person by applying handcuffs, typically as part of an arrest or other security-related process
65. The manager tried to _____ the angry customer by offering a refund.
v. to make someone less angry or hostile; to calm or soothe someone upset or agitated
66. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 60. grace, 61. dispatched, 62. Tobacco, 63. holy, 64. handcuffs, 65. placate, 66. assumes

67. She _____ out of the meeting after being challenged on her ideas.
- v.* to walk with a proud, stiff, and often exaggerated gait; to bulge or protrude outward, especially in a decorative or showy manner; (noun) a structural component designed to resist pressure or tension
68. _____ grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.
- n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
69. The band played a beautiful _____ on their instruments.
- n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
70. Five of the six provinces will become _____ regions under the new federal system of government.
- adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs
71. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.
- v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
72. The recent political _____ in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.
- n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
73. The _____ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.
- n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
74. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.
- adj.* main or most important; basic

ANSWERS: 67. strutted, 68. Moss, 69. tune, 70. autonomous, 71. erase, 72. unrest, 73. mushroom, 74. prime

75. I wore a protective _____ while riding my bike to prevent head injuries.
- n.* a small close-fitting cap, particularly one worn as part of a uniform or in religious ceremonies; a plant of the mint family, used in herbal medicine for its calming and relaxing properties
76. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
- v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
77. I had to _____ the corn before I could cook it for dinner.
- v.* to remove the shell or outer covering of something, such as a corn or an oyster; to discard or get rid of something, particularly something that is seen as useless or unwanted
78. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
79. The shocking _____ embarrassed the administration.
- n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
80. We are optimistic about our final _____.
- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
81. Her voice gradually increased in _____.
- n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

ANSWERS: 75. skullcap, 76. compete, 77. shuck, 78. strike, 79. revelation, 80. victory, 81. pitch

82. The audience _____ when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.
- v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
83. The _____ protesters marched peacefully through the streets.
- adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
84. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
85. The company experienced _____ growth over the past decade.
- adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
86. 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
87. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
88. The price of raw _____ continued to rise.
- n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
89. The judge _____ the objection and allowed the evidence to be presented.
- v.* to make a decision or judgment that is different from an earlier one; to overturn or override a decision or action

ANSWERS: 82. gasped, 83. unarmed, 84. prayed, 85. sustained, 86. navigate, 87. scenarios, 88. cotton, 89. overruled

90. He felt _____ and constantly changed his postures.

adj. unwilling or unable to stay still or relax because you are worried and uneasy

91. He _____ from commenting on the controversial topic.

v. to avoid or stop doing something; to hold oneself back from an action

92. The _____ was a common bird found in most parts of the world.

n. a small, brown bird with a short tail and a chirping call

93. I'll need to _____ the rainstorm to make it home without getting soaked.

v. to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit

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

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

95. He was known for his _____ responses to questions.

adj. using very few words to say something, especially in speech

96. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's _____.

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

97. The orchestra performed a moving _____ for the late conductor.

n. a musical composition or liturgical celebration honoring the memory of someone who has died; a somber or mournful piece of music or artistic work

ANSWERS: 90. restless, 91. refrained, 92. sparrow, 93. outrun, 94. episode, 95. laconic, 96. license, 97. requiem

98. He grew a thick _____ to change his appearance.

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

99. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

100. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

101. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

adv. based on what you have heard or read

102. The _____ of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

n. the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

103. The _____ of freshly baked bread made my mouth water.

n. a brief and faint odor that is detected; a slight gust or puff of air; a hint or a trace of something; (verb) to catch a brief, slight smell of something

104. The zookeeper carefully monitored the _____ diet to ensure it received proper nutrition.

n. a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia

105. Certain types of _____ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

ANSWERS: 98. beard, 99. threat, 100. Communal, 101. apparently, 102. flesh, 103. whiff, 104. gazelle's, 105. fungus

106. The products they sell are the _____ for performance in the industry.

- n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

107. He felt like _____ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

- n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

108. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.

- v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape

109. We got stuck in a traffic jam on the _____ for over an hour.

- n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

110. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.

- n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

111. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.

- n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

112. The crime scene was _____ and gruesome.

- adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

113. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

- adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance

ANSWERS: 106. baseline, 107. heaven, 108. twisted, 109. freeway, 110. pounds, 111. smartphones, 112. bloody, 113. supreme

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

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

115. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

116. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

117. It was his first _____ love.

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

118. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 114. zone, 115. predator's, 116. silent, 117. romantic, 118. spirit