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Session 1: Word List

improvisation

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

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

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

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

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym: subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym: glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

moderator

n. a person or thing that moderates or regulates something, such as a discussion or forum; a device or mechanism that controls or regulates the speed, temperature, or other variables of a process or operation

synonym : facilitator, mediator, arbitrator

(1) **moderator** role, (2) forum **moderator**

The **moderator** of the panel discussion kept the conversation on track and orderly.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

linguist

n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

synonym : grammatist, philologue, polyglot

(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**

Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym : workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

communicate

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

synonym : convey, share, transmit

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

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

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

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym : bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life
She **stumbled** over the tree root.

intimacy

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

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

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

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

perspective

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

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

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

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
synonym: drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

delay

v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

synonym: block, adjourn, detain

(1) **delay** a flight three hours, (2) **delay** the new project
We **delayed** the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
synonym: separate, disconnect, split

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

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or

objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

scraping

n. the act of removing a thin layer of material from a surface, often to clean or smooth it; a sound or sensation that is produced by something being removed or rubbed against another surface; (of computer technology) the automated extraction or collection of data from websites

synonym : abrading, scratching, rubbing

(1) **scraping** tools, (2) metal **scraping**

The **scraping** sound coming from the engine made us worry about the car's condition.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

computation

n. the act or process of calculating something, especially an answer or amount, by using a machine or calculator

synonym : calculation, estimation, arithmetic

(1) parallel **computation**, (2) theory of **computation**

The researcher demonstrated the superiority of quantum **computation** in several mathematical tasks.

persistent

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

synonym : tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

auditory

adj. of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear

synonym : hearing, audible, aural

(1) a good **auditory** memory, (2) **auditory** system

The **auditory** nerve carries sound signals from the ear to the brain.

intake

n. the act or process of taking food, air, etc., into your body through the mouth; the amount of food, air, or another substance that you take into your body

synonym : consumption, absorption, inhalation

(1) a small **intake** of breath, (2) an **intake** pipe

He has been advised to reduce his daily fat **intake**.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

hard-boiled

adj. (person or style of writing) tough and unsentimental;
(eggs) cooked until the yolk is solid

synonym : tough, unsentimental, cynical

(1) **hard-boiled** novel, (2) **hard-boiled** eggs

The **hard-boiled** detective was known for his uncompromising attitude and quick thinking.

structural

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

synonym : architectural, basic, anatomical

(1) **structural** analyses, (2) **structural** reorganization

The earthquake resulted in significant **structural** destruction.

integrity

n. the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided

synonym : honesty, honor, morality

(1) a person of **integrity**, (2) **integrity** of data

The company's reputation for honesty and **integrity** is highly valued among its customers.

sustain

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

synonym : maintain, nurture, support

(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle

She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

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

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

floodgate

n. a gate used to control the flow of water in a dam or waterway; a situation or event that allows a sudden and large release of something, such as information or emotion

synonym : dam, barrier, gate

(1) closing of the **floodgate**, (2) loose **floodgates** of grief
The company's innovative product release opened the **floodgates** for competitors to follow suit.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

dike

n. a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion

synonym: levee, embankment, dam

(1) water **dike**, (2) coastal **dike**

The town council plans to repair the damaged **dike** along the riverbank.

genotype

n. the genetic constitution of an individual organism; the inherited collection of genes that determine an organism's traits and characteristics

synonym: genetic constitution

(1) **genotype** frequency, (2) heterozygous **genotype**

The baby's **genotype** is determined by the combination of genes inherited from its parents.

categorize

v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

synonym: classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

normative

adj. setting, constituting, or relating to a standard or norm; prescribing or advocating a standard of correctness or right behavior

synonym : standard, conventional, usual

(1) **normative** behavior, (2) **normative** standards

The **normative** approach to morality focuses on what is considered socially acceptable behavior.

neurodiversity

n. the concept that neurological differences, such as autism or ADHD, are a natural and valuable part of human diversity rather than a disorder or deficiency to be fixed

synonym : neurodivergence, cognitive diversity

(1) **neurodiversity** conference, (2) **neurodiversity** spectrum

The concept of **neurodiversity** celebrates the different ways that people's brains work.

spike

n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

synonym : end, spindle, point

(1) to **spike**, (2) to prevent blood sugar **spikes**

The recent **spike** in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

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

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

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage
X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

tab *n.* a small flap or strip of material attached to or projecting from something; the key on a typewriter or a word processor that causes a tabulation; a bill

synonym: tag, label, marker

(1) split a dinner **tab**, (2) open a **tab**

He kept a **tab** on his expenses by writing them down in a notebook.

thereby *adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions

synonym: thus, hence, as a result

(1) **thereby-obtained** data, (2) **thereby** improving overall health

The new software will streamline the workflow, **thereby** increasing productivity.

eliminate *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

possibility *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

attune *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment

synonym: align, harmonize, acclimate

(1) **attune** to nature, (2) **attune** myself to the rhythm

It is important to **attune** yourself to your customers' needs to

provide the best service possible.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

synonym: perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

slight

adj. very small in degree or amount

synonym: feeble, nuanced, subtle

(1) feel a **slight** concern, (2) **slight** increase

We made **slight** modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

variance

n. the fact or quality that two or more things are different, divergent, or inconsistent; a difference between conflicting facts, claims, or opinions

synonym: difference, conflict, disagreement

(1) **variance** analysis, (2) having no **variance**

The article is at **variance** with the truth.

percentile

n. a measure of position in a frequency distribution expressed as a percentage of the total

synonym: centile, proportion

(1) **percentile** rank, (2) **percentile** distribution

The student scored in the 90th **percentile** on the exam, which means they scored higher than 90% of the other students.

dramatic

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

synonym : striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea

The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

neural

adj. of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain

synonym : sensory, neuronic, nervous

(1) **neural** stem cells, (2) **neural** networks in AI

There was a disturbance of **neural** function.

discrepancy

n. a lack of consistency or agreement between two or more facts, figures, or sets of information; a disagreement, inconsistency, or divergence

synonym : inconsistency, difference, disparity

(1) significant **discrepancy**, (2) a **discrepancy** in the report

There is a **discrepancy** between the study's findings and the collected data.

reside

v. to live in a particular place, typically for a prolonged period of time

synonym : live, dwell, inhabit

(1) **reside** on the skin, (2) **reside** permanently

They **reside** in a beautiful old house in the countryside.

amygdala

n. one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell

(1) the decline in **amygdala** activity, (2) **amygdala** damage

The **amygdala** has been associated with memories of past emotional events.

perception

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

synonym : understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus
He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

verbal

adj. expressed in spoken rather than written words
synonym: speaking, lingual, oral

(1) **verbal** communication, (2) **verbal** abuse
The candidate must have excellent **verbal** skills.

receptor

n. an organ having nerve endings that respond to stimulation such as heat or cold and makes the body react in a particular way

(1) cellular **receptor**, (2) **receptor** for HIV in humans
Hay fever occurs when a substance called histamine binds to **receptors** in the nose and eyes.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
synonym: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship
Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

cue

n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something

synonym: signal, sign, hint

(1) **cue** card, (2) visual **cue**
The director gave the actor a **cue** to begin the scene.

aback

adv. to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something

synonym: surprised, astounded, shocked

(1) flat **aback**, (2) **aback** shock
The sudden news of the merger took me **aback**.

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.

spectrum

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

synonym : range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

underlying

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

synonym : fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident

The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

underpin

v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something

synonym : support, foundation, base

(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization

The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

reptilian

adj. resembling or characteristic of reptiles, a diverse group of cold-blooded animals that are characterized by their scaly skin, internal fertilization, and typically laying eggs on land; cold-blooded; crafty or treacherous

synonym : serpentine, reptile-like, lizard-like

(1) **reptilian** behavior, (2) **reptilian** brain

The ancient Egyptians revered several **reptilian** deities, including the serpent goddess Wadjet.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

disengage

v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

synonym : withdraw, separate, detach

(1) **disengage** the clutch, (2) **disengage** socially

He **disengaged** from the conversation and walked away.

hook

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

synonym : buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

horn

n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

synonym : cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**
The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

outweigh

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

synonym: dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym: request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

makeup

n. colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance

synonym: maquillage, composition, cosmetic

(1) **makeup** artist, (2) take the **makeup** off her face

Her beauty resulted from a good night's sleep rather than **makeup**.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television
The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

aggressive

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

synonym: assertive, combative, threatening

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

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

couch

n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

synonym: sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the weekends.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

circumvent

v. to go around, avoid, or bypass something, often to achieve an intended goal or objective; to outmaneuver or outsmart a person or obstacle

synonym: evade, bypass, outsmart

(1) **circumvent** rules, (2) **circumvent** authority

I took a back road to work on time to **circumvent** the traffic jam.

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

synonym : pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident

His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

molecular

adj. of or relating to molecules (= a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds)

synonym : microscopic, atomic

(1) **molecular** structure, (2) **molecular** biology

Molecular weight is the sum of all the atoms.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym : enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

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

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

ledge

n. a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface

synonym : shelf, edge, brink

(1) **ledge** overlooking the ocean, (2) wooden **ledge**

He stood on the narrow **ledge**, looking down at the busy street below.

precipice

n. a steep cliff, especially one that is high and has a vertical or nearly vertical face

synonym: cliff, drop, brink

(1) leap off a **precipice**, (2) mural **precipice**

The hiker stood at the edge of the **precipice**, taking in the breathtaking view.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

variable

adj. likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

synonym: erratic, inconsistent, irregular

(1) a **variable** species, (2) a dependent **variable**

Rainfall in the tropics is highly **variable**.

inquire

v. to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding

synonym: ask, question, query

(1) **inquire** at reception, (2) **inquire** into the matter

I need to **inquire** about the details of the job interview.

timeline

n. a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom

synonym: agenda, timetable, chronology

(1) **timeline** of science history, (2) lay out a **timeline**

He imposed a **timeline** on the project.

edit v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
synonym: revise, modify, adjust
(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video
I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

ripen v. to cause something to be fully developed; to become ripe
synonym: mature, grow, age
(1) **ripen** the fruit, (2) **ripen** naturally
His tireless efforts **ripen** into success.

tactile *adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
synonym: touchable, tangible, palpable
(1) **tactile** stimulation, (2) **tactile** feedback
The **tactile** sensation of the fabric was soft and smooth to the touch.

mushy *adj.* soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet
synonym: sappy, sentimental
(1) **mushy** romance, (2) **mushy** peas
The cake was **mushy** because I accidentally added too much milk to the batter.

slice *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
synonym: piece, portion, slit
(1) a **slice** of the company's revenue, (2) **slice** a tomato thin
The children complained because one **slice** of cake was slightly larger than the other.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym : center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

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Session 2: Spelling

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| 12. cat_____ze the image | <i>v.</i> to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc. |
| 13. a sl__e of the company's revenue | <i>n.</i> a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting |
| 14. em__k on a foolish adventure | <i>v.</i> to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something |
| 15. vi___l navigation | <i>adj.</i> relating to seeing or sight |
| 16. har_____ed novel | <i>adj.</i> (person or style of writing) tough and unsentimental; (eggs) cooked until the yolk is solid |
| 17. vul_____le parts of the body | <i>adj.</i> capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally |
| 18. abs_____ly against | <i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly |
| 19. mural pr_____ce | <i>n.</i> a steep cliff, especially one that is high and has a vertical or nearly vertical face |
| 20. a good au_____ry memory | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear |
| 21. wooden le__e | <i>n.</i> a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface |

ANSWERS: 10. brain, 11. computation, 12. categorize, 13. slice, 14. embark, 15. visual, 16. hard-boiled, 17. vulnerable, 18. absolutely, 19. precipice, 20. auditory, 21. ledge

22. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
23. lay out a ti____ne *n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom
24. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
25. co____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
26. chaotic env____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
27. a hat h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
28. write him an answer imm____ly *adv.* now or without delay
29. improve co____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
30. a va____le species *adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed
31. per____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 22. empathy, 23. timeline, 24. core, 25. concept, 26. environment, 27. hook, 28. immediately, 29. cognitive, 30. variable, 31. perception

32. forum mo_____or *n.* a person or thing that moderates or regulates something, such as a discussion or forum; a device or mechanism that controls or regulates the speed, temperature, or other variables of a process or operation
33. re___e on the skin *v.* to live in a particular place, typically for a prolonged period of time
34. metal sc_____ng *n.* the act of removing a thin layer of material from a surface, often to clean or smooth it; a sound or sensation that is produced by something being removed or rubbed against another surface; (of computer technology) the automated extraction or collection of data from websites
35. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
36. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
37. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
38. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
39. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
40. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about

ANSWERS: 32. moderator, 33. reside, 34. scraping, 35. insight, 36. divide, 37. absolutely, 38. possibility, 39. dot, 40. topic

41. ne___l stem cells *adj.* of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain
42. the tr___d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
43. mu___y romance *adj.* soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet
44. an und_____ng cause of an accident *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
45. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
46. infrared sp_____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
47. ou_____gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
48. ve___l communication *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
49. per_____nt cough *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
50. mo_____or role *n.* a person or thing that moderates or regulates something, such as a discussion or forum; a device or mechanism that controls or regulates the speed, temperature, or other variables of a process or operation

ANSWERS: 41. neural, 42. trend, 43. mushy, 44. underlying, 45. perspective, 46. spectrum, 47. outweigh, 48. verbal, 49. persistent, 50. moderator

51. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
52. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
53. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
54. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
55. cellular re_____or *n.* an organ having nerve endings that respond to stimulation such as heat or cold and makes the body react in a particular way
56. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
57. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
58. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
59. ne___l networks in AI *adj.* of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain
60. ou_____gh our wishes *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
61. a handle of h__n *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 51. empathy, 52. embark, 53. stumble, 54. opposition, 55. receptor, 56. historic, 57. communicate, 58. topic, 59. neural, 60. outweigh, 61. horn

62. di_____ge the clutch *v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
63. ta_____e stimulation *adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
64. ri__n the fruit *v.* to cause something to be fully developed; to become ripe
65. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
66. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
67. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
68. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
69. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
70. significant dis_____cy *n.* a lack of consistency or agreement between two or more facts, figures, or sets of information; a disagreement, inconsistency, or divergence
71. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
72. sc_____ng tools *n.* the act of removing a thin layer of material from a surface, often to clean or smooth it; a sound or sensation that is produced by something being removed or rubbed against another surface; (of computer technology) the automated extraction or collection of data from websites

ANSWERS: 62. disengage, 63. tactile, 64. ripen, 65. possibility, 66. opposition, 67. handle, 68. edit, 69. planet, 70. discrepancy, 71. spectrum, 72. scraping

73. split a dinner t_b *n.* a small flap or strip of material attached to or projecting from something; the key on a typewriter or a word processor that causes a tabulation; a bill
74. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
75. leather co__h *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
76. un_____in a structure *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
77. build in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
78. ri__n naturally *v.* to cause something to be fully developed; to become ripe
79. leap off a pr_____ce *n.* a steep cliff, especially one that is high and has a vertical or nearly vertical face
80. a dis_____cy in the report *n.* a lack of consistency or agreement between two or more facts, figures, or sets of information; a disagreement, inconsistency, or divergence
81. dual ge___r *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

ANSWERS: 73. tab, 74. slide, 75. couch, 76. underpin, 77. intimacy, 78. ripen, 79. precipice, 80. discrepancy, 81. gender

82. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
83. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
84. draw out your ap___l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
85. per_____le rank *n.* a measure of position in a frequency distribution expressed as a percentage of the total
86. un_____in democratization *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
87. the curved shape of a h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
88. re_____an behavior *adj.* resembling or characteristic of reptiles, a diverse group of cold-blooded animals that are characterized by their scaly skin, internal fertilization, and typically laying eggs on land; cold-blooded; crafty or treacherous
89. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
90. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 82. edit, 83. inevitable, 84. appeal, 85. percentile, 86. underpin, 87. hook, 88. reptilian, 89. improvisation, 90. perspective

91. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
92. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
93. a co__h potato *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
94. har____ed eggs *adj.* (person or style of writing) tough and unsentimental; (eggs) cooked until the yolk is solid
95. va____ce analysis *n.* the fact or quality that two or more things are different, divergent, or inconsistent; a difference between conflicting facts, claims, or opinions
96. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
97. flat ab__k *adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
98. a dependent va____le *adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed
99. ad____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
100. imm____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
101. mo____ar biology *adj.* of or relating to molecules (= a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds)

ANSWERS: 91. strip, 92. historic, 93. couch, 94. hard-boiled, 95. variance, 96. brain, 97. aback, 98. variable, 99. advance, 100. immediately, 101. molecular

102. di_____ge socially *v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
103. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
104. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
105. a small in___e of breath *n.* the act or process of taking food, air, etc., into your body through the mouth; the amount of food, air, or another substance that you take into your body
106. feel a sl___t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount
107. h__n of a vehicle *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
108. to prevent blood sugar sp__es *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
109. de__y a flight three hours *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
110. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
111. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings

ANSWERS: 102. disengage, 103. trend, 104. aggressive, 105. intake, 106. slight, 107. horn, 108. spike, 109. delay, 110. eliminate, 111. emotional

112. cat_____ze the cause of failure *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
113. re_____or for HIV in humans *n.* an organ having nerve endings that respond to stimulation such as heat or cold and makes the body react in a particular way
114. closing of the fl_____te *n.* a gate used to control the flow of water in a dam or waterway; a situation or event that allows a sudden and large release of something, such as information or emotion
115. str_____al reorganization *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
116. am_____la damage *n.* one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell
117. th_____y improving overall health *adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
118. str_____al analyses *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
119. make dr_____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
120. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 112. categorize, 113. receptor, 114. floodgate, 115. structural, 116. amygdala, 117. thereby, 118. structural, 119. dramatic, 120. process

121. an in___e pipe *n.* the act or process of taking food, air, etc., into your body through the mouth; the amount of food, air, or another substance that you take into your body
122. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
123. per_____le distribution *n.* a measure of position in a frequency distribution expressed as a percentage of the total
124. su_____n a good relationship with him *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
125. on terms of in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
126. no_____ve behavior *adj.* setting, constituting, or relating to a standard or norm; prescribing or advocating a standard of correctness or right behavior
127. have com_____on toward the accident *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
128. neu_____ity spectrum *n.* the concept that neurological differences, such as autism or ADHD, are a natural and valuable part of human diversity rather than a disorder or deficiency to be fixed
129. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 121. intake, 122. environment, 123. percentile, 124. sustain, 125. intimacy, 126. normative, 127. compassion, 128. neurodiversity, 129. incredibly

130. cir_____nt authority *v.* to go around, avoid, or bypass something, often to achieve an intended goal or objective; to outmaneuver or outsmart a person or obstacle
131. a person of in_____ty *n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
132. ab__k shock *adv.* to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
133. in_____e into the matter *v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding
134. cir_____nt rules *v.* to go around, avoid, or bypass something, often to achieve an intended goal or objective; to outmaneuver or outsmart a person or obstacle
135. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
136. keen per_____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
137. to sp__e *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
138. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 130. circumvent, 131. integrity, 132. aback, 133. inquire, 134. circumvent, 135. eliminate, 136. perception, 137. spike, 138. visual

139. th____y-obtained data *adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
140. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
141. mo_____ar structure *adj.* of or relating to molecules (= a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds)
142. ta_____e feedback *adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
143. ha____ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
144. foreign li____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
145. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
146. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
147. 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
148. c_e card *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something

ANSWERS: 139. thereby, 140. vision, 141. molecular, 142. tactile, 143. handle, 144. linguist, 145. dot, 146. emotional, 147. gender, 148. cue

149. an und_____ng motive *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
150. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
151. per_____nt data *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
152. mu__y peas *adj.* soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet
153. sl___t increase *adj.* very small in degree or amount
154. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
155. water d__e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
156. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
157. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
158. in_____e at reception *v.* to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding

ANSWERS: 149. underlying, 150. inevitable, 151. persistent, 152. mushy, 153. slight, 154. strip, 155. dike, 156. lab, 157. cognitive, 158. inquire

159. st____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
160. ti____ne of science history *n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom
161. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
162. at____e to nature *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
163. coastal d__e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
164. take the ma____p off her face *n.* colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance
165. ve____l abuse *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
166. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
167. a vul____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
168. heterozygous ge____pe *n.* the genetic constitution of an individual organism; the inherited collection of genes that determine an organism's traits and characteristics

ANSWERS: 159. stumble, 160. timeline, 161. planet, 162. attune, 163. dike, 164. makeup, 165. verbal, 166. core, 167. vulnerable, 168. genotype

169. su_____n a wellness lifestyle *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
170. sl__e a tomato thin *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
171. neu_____ity conference *n.* the concept that neurological differences, such as autism or ADHD, are a natural and valuable part of human diversity rather than a disorder or deficiency to be fixed
172. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
173. parallel com_____on *n.* the act or process of calculating something, especially an answer or amount, by using a machine or calculator
174. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
175. re_____an brain *adj.* resembling or characteristic of reptiles, a diverse group of cold-blooded animals that are characterized by their scaly skin, internal fertilization, and typically laying eggs on land; cold-blooded; crafty or treacherous

ANSWERS: 169. sustain, 170. slice, 171. neurodiversity, 172. process, 173. computation, 174. lab, 175. reptilian

176. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
177. re___e permanently *v.* to live in a particular place, typically for a prolonged period of time
178. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
179. de___y the new project *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
180. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
181. loose fl_____tes of grief *n.* a gate used to control the flow of water in a dam or waterway; a situation or event that allows a sudden and large release of something, such as information or emotion
182. an ap___l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
183. visual c_e *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
184. sl___e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
185. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 176. aggressive, 177. reside, 178. divide, 179. delay, 180. vision, 181. floodgate, 182. appeal, 183. cue, 184. slide, 185. relation

186. cognitive li_____st	<i>n.</i> a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
187. jazz imp_____ion	<i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
188. ma____p artist	<i>n.</i> colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance
189. re_____on between cause and effect	<i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
190. au_____ry system	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear
191. at____e myself to the rhythm	<i>v.</i> to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
192. in_____ty of data	<i>n.</i> the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
193. share my in_____ts	<i>n.</i> the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
194. learn new co_____ts	<i>n.</i> an idea or principle associated with something abstract
195. ge_____pe frequency	<i>n.</i> the genetic constitution of an individual organism; the inherited collection of genes that determine an organism's traits and characteristics
196. feel com_____on for the poor	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

ANSWERS: 186. linguist, 187. improvisation, 188. makeup, 189. relation, 190. auditory, 191. attune, 192. integrity, 193. insight, 194. concept, 195. genotype, 196. compassion

197. inc_____ly cheerful character

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

198. open a t_b

n. a small flap or strip of material attached to or projecting from something; the key on a typewriter or a word processor that causes a tabulation; a bill

ANSWERS: 197. incredibly, 198. tab

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ sound coming from the engine made us worry about the car's condition.
 - n.* the act of removing a thin layer of material from a surface, often to clean or smooth it; a sound or sensation that is produced by something being removed or rubbed against another surface; (of computer technology) the automated extraction or collection of data from websites
2. Hay fever occurs when a substance called histamine binds to _____ in the nose and eyes.
 - n.* an organ having nerve endings that respond to stimulation such as heat or cold and makes the body react in a particular way
3. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
 - v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
4. He kept a _____ on his expenses by writing them down in a notebook.
 - n.* a small flap or strip of material attached to or projecting from something; the key on a typewriter or a word processor that causes a tabulation; a bill
5. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
 - adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
6. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
 - adv.* now or without delay
7. Despite the setbacks, he remained _____ in his pursuit of his dreams.
 - adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

ANSWERS: 1. scraping, 2. receptors, 3. slide, 4. tab, 5. absolutely, 6. immediately, 7. persistent

8. The company's reputation for honesty and _____ is highly valued among its customers.
- n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
9. The _____ sensation of the fabric was soft and smooth to the touch.
- adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
10. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their _____ with beer.
- n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
11. The advantages would undoubtedly _____ the disadvantages.
- v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
12. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.
- v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
13. The director gave the actor a _____ to begin the scene.
- n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
14. He stood on the narrow _____ looking down at the busy street below.
- n.* a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface
15. He _____ from the conversation and walked away.
- v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

ANSWERS: 8. integrity, 9. tactile, 10. horns, 11. outweigh, 12. eliminate, 13. cue, 14. ledge, 15. disengaged

16. The cake was _____ because I accidentally added too much milk to the batter.

adj. soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet

17. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

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

adj. relating to people's feelings

19. He has been advised to reduce his daily fat _____.

n. the act or process of taking food, air, etc., into your body through the mouth; the amount of food, air, or another substance that you take into your body

20. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

21. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

22. The recent _____ in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

23. The new software will streamline the workflow, _____ increasing productivity.

adv. as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions

ANSWERS: 16. mushy, 17. brain, 18. emotional, 19. intake, 20. vulnerable, 21. compassion, 22. spike, 23. thereby

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

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

25. Rainfall in the tropics is highly _____.

- adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

26. They _____ in a beautiful old house in the countryside.

- v.* to live in a particular place, typically for a prolonged period of time

27. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.

- n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

28. The researcher demonstrated the superiority of quantum _____ in several mathematical tasks.

- n.* the act or process of calculating something, especially an answer or amount, by using a machine or calculator

29. The _____ principle of every business was identical.

- adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

30. The oil price continued their downward _____.

- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

31. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

- v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

ANSWERS: 24. perception, 25. variable, 26. reside, 27. dots, 28. computation, 29. underlying, 30. trend, 31. advance

32. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.
- n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
33. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
34. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
35. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
36. The concept of _____ celebrates the different ways that people's brains work.
- n.* the concept that neurological differences, such as autism or ADHD, are a natural and valuable part of human diversity rather than a disorder or deficiency to be fixed
37. The baby's _____ is determined by the combination of genes inherited from its parents.
- n.* the genetic constitution of an individual organism; the inherited collection of genes that determine an organism's traits and characteristics
38. The _____ nerve carries sound signals from the ear to the brain.
- adj.* of or relating to hearing or the ability to hear

ANSWERS: 32. appeal, 33. concept, 34. process, 35. planet, 36. neurodiversity, 37. genotype, 38. auditory

39. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

40. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

41. Please hang your towel on a _____.

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

42. I took a back road to work on time to _____ the traffic jam.

v. to go around, avoid, or bypass something, often to achieve an intended goal or objective; to outmaneuver or outsmart a person or obstacle

43. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

44. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

45. I need to _____ about the details of the job interview.

v. to ask for information about something or from someone; to investigate or look into a matter to gain clarification or understanding

46. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.

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

47. I love to relax on the _____ and watch movies on the weekends.

n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

ANSWERS: 39. cognitive, 40. associate, 41. hook, 42. circumvent, 43. relations, 44. visual, 45. inquire, 46. aggressive, 47. couch

48. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

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

49. There was a disturbance of _____ function.

- adj.* of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain

50. The candidate must have excellent _____ skills.

- adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words

51. His tireless efforts _____ into success.

- v.* to cause something to be fully developed; to become ripe

52. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

- n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about

53. She _____ over the tree root.

- v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

54. The article is at _____ with the truth.

- n.* the fact or quality that two or more things are different, divergent, or inconsistent; a difference between conflicting facts, claims, or opinions

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

- n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

56. We _____ on a new project.

- v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

ANSWERS: 48. communicate, 49. neural, 50. verbal, 51. ripen, 52. topic, 53. stumbled, 54. variance, 55. possibility, 56. embarked

57. The hiker stood at the edge of the _____ taking in the breathtaking view.
n. a steep cliff, especially one that is high and has a vertical or nearly vertical face
58. The _____ approach to morality focuses on what is considered socially acceptable behavior.
adj. setting, constituting, or relating to a standard or norm; prescribing or advocating a standard of correctness or right behavior
59. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
60. The sudden news of the merger took me _____.
adv. to be very surprised or shocked by somebody or something
61. It is important to _____ yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.
v. to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
62. The children complained because one _____ of cake was slightly larger than the other.
n. a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
63. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
64. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.
adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

ANSWERS: 57. precipice, 58. normative, 59. environment, 60. aback, 61. attune, 62. slice, 63. divide, 64. dramatic

65. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
- n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
66. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
67. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.
- adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
68. The student scored in the 90th _____ on the exam, which means they scored higher than 90% of the other students.
- n.* a measure of position in a frequency distribution expressed as a percentage of the total
69. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
- adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
70. 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
71. The town council plans to repair the damaged _____ along the riverbank.
- n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
72. Though I love literature, I'm a bad _____.
- n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

ANSWERS: 65. cores, 66. historic, 67. structural, 68. percentile, 69. inevitable, 70. gender, 71. dike, 72. linguist

73. The _____ detective was known for his uncompromising attitude and quick thinking.

adj. (person or style of writing) tough and unsentimental; (eggs) cooked until the yolk is solid

74. He imposed a _____ on the project.

n. a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom

75. The _____ of the panel discussion kept the conversation on track and orderly.

n. a person or thing that moderates or regulates something, such as a discussion or forum; a device or mechanism that controls or regulates the speed, temperature, or other variables of a process or operation

76. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

77. _____ is also necessary to understand history.

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

78. The research findings _____ the theory that human activities cause global warming.

v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something

79. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 73. hard-boiled, 74. timeline, 75. moderator, 76. lab, 77. Empathy, 78. underpin, 79. opposition

80. The _____ has been associated with memories of past emotional events.
- n.* one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell
81. They were looking for _____ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.
- n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
82. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.
- n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
83. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
84. Her beauty resulted from a good night's sleep rather than _____.
- n.* colored substances used on someone's face to improve or change their appearance
85. She struggled to _____ the children's reading habits.
- v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
86. There is a _____ between the study's findings and the collected data.
- n.* a lack of consistency or agreement between two or more facts, figures, or sets of information; a disagreement, inconsistency, or divergence
87. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
- v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

ANSWERS: 80. amygdala, 81. intimacy, 82. spectrum, 83. insights, 84. makeup, 85. sustain, 86. discrepancy, 87. handle

88. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
89. The company's innovative product release opened the _____ for competitors to follow suit.
- n.* a gate used to control the flow of water in a dam or waterway; a situation or event that allows a sudden and large release of something, such as information or emotion
90. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
91. We made _____ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.
- adj.* very small in degree or amount
92. The ancient Egyptians revered several _____ deities, including the serpent goddess Wadjet.
- adj.* resembling or characteristic of reptiles, a diverse group of cold-blooded animals that are characterized by their scaly skin, internal fertilization, and typically laying eggs on land; cold-blooded; crafty or treacherous
93. We _____ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.
- v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
94. The biologist _____ the viruses into four groups.
- v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
95. _____ weight is the sum of all the atoms.
- adj.* of or relating to molecules (= a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds)

ANSWERS: 88. improvisation, 89. floodgates, 90. incredibly, 91. slight, 92. reptilian, 93. delayed, 94. categorized, 95. Molecular

96. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

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

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

98. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.

- v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

99. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.

- v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

ANSWERS: 96. vision, 97. perspective, 98. strip, 99. edit