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Session 1: Word List

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

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

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

idiosyncrasy

n. a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior

synonym : peculiarity, quirk, eccentricity

(1) personal **idiosyncrasy**, (2) cultural **idiosyncrasy**

His **idiosyncrasy** of always wearing green socks was a quirky habit.

undertaking

n. a task, business, assignment, or project, especially one that is essential or challenging

synonym : task, effort, enterprise

(1) great **undertaking**, (2) public welfare **undertaking**

Project planning for software development is never an easy **undertaking**.

novel

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

before

synonym : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

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

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

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.

racial

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

synonym : ethnic, tribal, ethnical

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

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

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym : aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

indict

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

synonym : accuse, charge, prosecute

(1) **indict** a suspect, (2) **indict** him of injuries

The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to **indict** the corrupt politician.

liberal

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

synonym : broad, free, large-minded

(1) a **liberal** arts college, (2) under **liberal** conditions

He is **liberal** in his thoughts.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

conviction

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

synonym: belief, certainty, faith

(1) moral **conviction**, (2) **conviction** for murder

She spoke with **conviction** about the importance of education.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym: flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

delta

n. a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

synonym: floodplain, estuary

(1) river **deltas**, (2) **delta** cone

The Nile **Delta** is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.

poorest

adj. having the least wealth or resources

synonym: impecunious, penniless, least

(1) **poorest** of the poor, (2) **poorest** area

The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym: alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

dramatically

adv. in a very impressive manner

synonym: greatly, noticeably, suddenly

(1) he confessed **dramatically**, (2) the cabin pressure fell **dramatically**

Life expectancy has grown **dramatically** this century.

guidance

n. advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making

synonym: advice, direction, support

(1) vocational **guidance**, (2) **guidance** counselor

The mentor provided **guidance** to the young entrepreneur, helping her navigate the business world.

counselor

n. a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems

synonym: advisor, consultant, therapist

(1) **counselor** office, (2) admissions **counselor**

She is a school **counselor** dedicated to helping students navigate academic and personal challenges.

substitute

n. a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

synonym : alternate, replacement, reserve

(1) **substitute** coffee, (2) **substitute** teacher

I **substitute** skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.

county

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

synonym : district, region, territory

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

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

jail

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym : prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

introspective

adj. characterized by a tendency to reflect on one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, often with a deep or philosophical level of analysis and introspection

synonym : thoughtful, reflective, contemplative

(1) **introspective** thoughts, (2) **introspective** personality

His poetry was deeply **introspective**, exploring themes of

identity, loss, and the human condition.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

zealous

adj. characterized by an eager and enthusiastic pursuit of a cause or goal; passionately devoted to pursuing something

synonym: enthusiastic, passionate, fervent

(1) **zealous** supporter, (2) **zealous** advocate

The **zealous** employee always went above and beyond his job duties.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym: hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym : boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

poetry

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

synonym : ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

prestigious

adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

synonym : esteemed, renowned, eminent

(1) **prestigious** award, (2) **prestigious** event

The academy is known for its **prestigious** faculty and rigorous curriculum.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym : demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

awkward

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

synonym : embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation difficult.

graduated

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

synonym : completed, finished, earned

(1) **graduated** taxation, (2) **graduated** flask

She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

handwriting

n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

synonym: script, penmanship, calligraphy

(1) **handwriting** identification, (2) **handwriting** sample

The **handwriting** on the note was barely legible.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

regress

v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

synonym: retrovert, deteriorate, decline

(1) **regress** to childhood, (2) **regress** in skills

The team's failure to win games has caused them to **regress** in confidence.

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent

I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym: excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time
I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

worthwhile

adj. having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration

synonym: valuable, rewarding, significant

(1) **worthwhile** investment, (2) **worthwhile** endeavor
Volunteering for a **worthwhile** cause is important for building a sense of community.

tote

v. to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

synonym: carry, haul, transport

(1) **tote** a cell-phone, (2) **tote** her books in a colorful backpack

Can you help me **tote** these groceries to the car?

dictionary

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

synonym: lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**
I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

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.

deceptive

adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

synonym: misleading, trickery, fraudulent

(1) **deceptive** practices, (2) appearances are **deceptive**
The politician's statements were found to be **deceptive** and

not based on fact.

masterpiece

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

synonym: classic, chef-d'oeuvre, magnum opus

(1) literary **masterpiece**, (2) a **masterpiece** of design

The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a **masterpiece** of art.

spider

n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

synonym: arachnid, wanderer

(1) **spider** venom, (2) web **spider**

The **spider** spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

casual

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

synonym: informal, relaxed, offhand

(1) **casual** dress, (2) take a **casual** glance

They had a **casual** conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

nap

n. a short sleep, especially during the day

synonym: rest, doze, drowse

(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**

She woke the kids up from their **nap**.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

gorgeous

adj. wonderful and attractive

synonym: beautiful, stunning, attractive

(1) a **gorgeous** meal, (2) **gorgeous** sunset
She wore a **gorgeous** dress to the party, which everyone admired.

lick *v.* to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat

synonym: taste, moisten, sweep

(1) **lick** a teaspoon, (2) **lick** its wounds
She **licked** the envelope to seal it before mailing it.

frost *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing

synonym: freeze, ice, blight

(1) five degrees of **frost**, (2) **frost** line
The **frost** on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.

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

synonym: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger
The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

poem *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym: ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead
A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

grief *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
synonym: anguish, desperation, dismay

(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**
Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

memoir

n. a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

synonym : bio, biography

(1) family **memoir**, (2) publish a **memoir**

He wrote his **memoirs** while awaiting trial.

slave

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

synonym : captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym : upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym : confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

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.

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.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym: do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

everlasting

adj. lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring

synonym: perpetual, eternal, enduring

(1) **everlasting** love, (2) **everlasting** memories

The writer's words left an **everlasting** impact on his readers.

torment

n. unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

synonym: pain, suffering, agony

(1) **torment** of jealousy, (2) economic **torment**

The torturers inflicted great **torment** upon the prisoners.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym : courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym : actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

stairway

n. a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety

synonym : staircase, steps

(1) **stairway** railing, (2) narrow **stairway**

The grand entrance hall had a magnificent marble **stairway** that curved gracefully upwards.

extended

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

synonym : extensive, prolonged, elongated

(1) **extended** vacation, (2) **extended** payment

The **extended** airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

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.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by

God

synonym: wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

rekindle

v. to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling

synonym: revitalize, reignite, revive

(1) **rekindle** love, (2) **rekindle** hope

The couple tried to **rekindle** their relationship by spending more time together.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

intricate

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

synonym: complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

canoe

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

stream

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

synonym: flow, current, brook

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

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

intense

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

synonym: extreme, fierce, harsh

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

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

concentration

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;

(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

expose

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

synonym : disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks

That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym : decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym :

space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

universe

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

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

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

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

excruciating

adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering

synonym : agonizing, unbearable, torturous

(1) **excruciating** ordeal, (2) **excruciating** embarrassment

The **excruciating** pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.

employer

n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

synonym : boss, owner, company

(1) illegal **employer**, (2) **employer** responsibility

An **employer's** attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym : illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

diabetes

n. a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood

(1) juvenile **diabetes**, (2) **diabetes** patient

My father was tested for **diabetes**.

homeless

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

synonym: destitute, displaced, transient

(1) **homeless** shelter, (2) a **homeless** cat

He became **homeless** after losing his job.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

discriminate

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

synonym: show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things

You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

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

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

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym : adored, cherished, valued

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

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

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym : versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

memorize

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

synonym : learn, remember, remind

(1) **memorize** musical scores, (2) try hard to **memorize** the lines

Lawyers need to **memorize** even the most minor provisions of the law.

outgrow

v. to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

(1) **outgrow** my coat, (2) **outgrow** its usefulness

Bamboo will soon **outgrow** the other plants.

harbor

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

synonym : port, dock, pier

(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment

The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

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.

occasion

n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

synonym: event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands

She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

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.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym: unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity
The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

privacy

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
synonym: seclusion, aloneness, solitariness

(1) **privacy** abuse, (2) trespass on a person's **privacy**
This conduct would be an invasion of **privacy**.

shadowy

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
synonym: dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past
The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
synonym: snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board
He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe
The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

mulberry

n. a small deciduous tree with broad leaves, typically grown for its edible fruit or as a shade tree

(1) **mulberry** juice, (2) **mulberry** jam
The **mulberry** tree in my backyard produces delicious fruit every summer.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

Session 2: Spelling

1. un_____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
2. trespass on a person's pr_____y *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
3. to_____t of jealousy *n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering
4. un_____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
5. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
6. be in j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
7. exc_____ing ordeal *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
8. go_____us sunset *adj.* wonderful and attractive
9. juvenile di_____es *n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
10. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 1. unequal, 2. privacy, 3. torment, 4. unequal, 5. courage, 6. jail, 7. excruciating, 8. gorgeous, 9. diabetes, 10. flourish

11. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
12. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
13. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
14. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
15. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
16. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
17. v__d of expression *n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
18. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
19. the cabin pressure fell dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
20. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 11. statistics, 12. branch, 13. degree, 14. rev, 15. convince, 16. relation, 17. void, 18. branch, 19. dramatically, 20. stretch

21. in___t him of injuries *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
22. personal idi_____asy *n.* a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior
23. under li_____l conditions *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
24. a li_____l arts college *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
25. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
26. ou_____w its usefulness *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
27. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
28. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
29. illegal em_____er *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
30. gr_____ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

ANSWERS: 21. indict, 22. idiosyncrasy, 23. liberal, 24. liberal, 25. improve, 26. outgrow, 27. novel, 28. grandparent, 29. employer, 30. graduated

31. a cr__k in a board
v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
32. g__b an audience
v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
33. give si___t consent
adj. without any or little sound
34. ze____s advocate
adj. characterized by an eager and enthusiastic pursuit of a cause or goal; passionately devoted to pursuing something
35. re____le hope
v. to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
36. in___t a suspect
v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
37. st____ay railing
n. a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
38. sp___r venom
n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
39. ze____s supporter
adj. characterized by an eager and enthusiastic pursuit of a cause or goal; passionately devoted to pursuing something

ANSWERS: 31. crack, 32. grab, 33. silent, 34. zealous, 35. rekindle, 36. indict, 37. stairway, 38. spider, 39. zealous

40. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
41. gu_____ce counselor *n.* advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
42. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
43. a sl__e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
44. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
45. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
46. in_____te details *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
47. price of pr_____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
48. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
49. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something

ANSWERS: 40. inspire, 41. guidance, 42. devastate, 43. slave, 44. rid, 45. rev, 46. intricate, 47. precious, 48. hero, 49. attitude

50. han_____ng sample *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
51. mu_____ry juice *n.* a small deciduous tree with broad leaves, typically grown for its edible fruit or as a shade tree
52. a narrative p__m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
53. eve_____ng love *adj.* lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring
54. t__e a cell-phone *v.* to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another
55. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
56. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
57. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
58. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 50. handwriting, 51. mulberry, 52. poem, 53. everlasting, 54. tote, 55. panic, 56. recognize, 57. exaggerate, 58. stretch

59. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
60. ine____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
61. vocational gu____ce *n.* advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
62. a sheltered ha____r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
63. ra____l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
64. di____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
65. re____e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
66. st____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
67. boys in the twelfth gr____e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

ANSWERS: 59. ultimate, 60. inequality, 61. guidance, 62. harbor, 63. racial, 64. disease, 65. relate, 66. stumble, 67. grade

68. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
69. fr__t line *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
70. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
71. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
72. up___t my spirit *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
73. ou_____w my coat *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
74. moral con_____on *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
75. ex___e a person to risks *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
76. me_____ze musical scores *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
77. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
78. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 68. improve, 69. frost, 70. intense, 71. opportune, 72. uplift, 73. outgrow, 74. conviction, 75. expose, 76. memorize, 77. desire, 78. pun

79. unsolved my____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
80. a ho____ss cat *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
81. de____e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
82. honor gr____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
83. wor____le endeavor *adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration
84. an unc____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
85. mys____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
86. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
87. t__e her books in a colorful backpack *v.* to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

ANSWERS: 79. mystery, 80. homeless, 81. degree, 82. graduate, 83. worthwhile, 84. uncomfortable, 85. mysterious, 86. poet, 87. tote

88. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
89. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
90. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
91. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
92. an aw_____d expression *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
93. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
94. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
95. sub_____te teacher *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
96. admissions co_____or *n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems

ANSWERS: 88. relate, 89. mysterious, 90. statistics, 91. chip, 92. awkward, 93. stream, 94. conscious, 95. substitute, 96. counselor

97. st____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
98. throughout the co____y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
99. take a ca____l glance *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
100. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
101. algebraic ine____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
102. end of the gr__e period *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
103. have gr__f and sorrow *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
104. se____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
105. inspire co____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
106. develop in____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 97. stumble, 98. county, 99. casual, 100. ultimate, 101. inequality, 102. grace, 103. grief, 104. segregate, 105. courage, 106. intense

107. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
108. as oc_____on demands *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
109. fleshly de_____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
110. a cr___y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
111. economic mi_____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
112. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
113. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
114. say a gr___e *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
115. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
116. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
117. de_____ve practices *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

ANSWERS: 107. imaginary, 108. occasion, 109. desire, 110. crazy, 111. miracle, 112. rid, 113. inspire, 114. grace, 115. flourish, 116. imaginary, 117. deceptive

118. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
119. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
120. re____s to childhood *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
121. mi____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
122. great und_____ng *n.* a task, business, assignment, or project, especially one that is essential or challenging
123. ho____ss shelter *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
124. expansion of the un____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
125. v__d contract *n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
126. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
127. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

ANSWERS: 118. quitter, 119. handle, 120. regress, 121. miracle, 122. undertaking, 123. homeless, 124. universe, 125. void, 126. quitter, 127. handle

128. l__k a teaspoon *v.* to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat
129. de____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
130. a mas_____ce of design *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
131. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
132. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
133. pre_____us event *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
134. em_____er responsibility *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
135. literary mas_____ce *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
136. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
137. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
138. re_____le love *v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling

ANSWERS: 128. lick, 129. depress, 130. masterpiece, 131. optimistic, 132. slave, 133. prestigious, 134. employer, 135. masterpiece, 136. grab, 137. straight, 138. rekindle

139. he confessed dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
140. pr_____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
141. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
142. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
143. wor_____le investment *adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration
144. dic_____ry definition *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
145. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
146. ap_____ze for being late *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
147. gr_____ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
148. ex_____ed vacation *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
149. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 139. dramatically, 140. precious, 141. crazy, 142. optimistic, 143. worthwhile, 144. dictionary, 145. mystery, 146. apologize, 147. graduated, 148. extended, 149. universe

150. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
151. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
152. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
153. make a ca__e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
154. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
155. build in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
156. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
157. family me____r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
158. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

ANSWERS: 150. panic, 151. devastate, 152. stream, 153. canoe, 154. concrete, 155. intimacy, 156. shock, 157. memoir, 158. crack

159. l__k its wounds *v.* to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat
160. re____s in skills *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
161. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
162. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
163. in_____te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
164. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
165. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
166. int_____ive personality *adj.* characterized by a tendency to reflect on one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, often with a deep or philosophical level of analysis and introspection
167. si____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
168. appearances are de_____ve *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
169. ra____l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

ANSWERS: 159. lick, 160. regress, 161. strength, 162. convinced, 163. intricate, 164. relation, 165. uncomfortable, 166. introspective, 167. silent, 168. deceptive, 169. racial

170. po____t area *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
171. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
172. ex___e a crime *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
173. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
174. po____t of the poor *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
175. take a n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
176. ha___r a resentment *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
177. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
178. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
179. web sp___r *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

ANSWERS: 170. poorest, 171. recognize, 172. expose, 173. chip, 174. poorest, 175. nap, 176. harbor, 177. disease, 178. novel, 179. spider

180. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
181. co_____or office *n.* a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems
182. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
183. pr_____y abuse *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
184. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
185. online dic_____ry *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
186. co_____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
187. dis_____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
188. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 180. shock, 181. counselor, 182. diminish, 183. privacy, 184. opportune, 185. dictionary, 186. convince, 187. discriminate, 188. strategy

189. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
190. publish a me____r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
191. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
192. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
193. sh_____y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
194. try hard to me_____ze the lines *v.* to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly
195. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
196. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
197. exc_____ing embarrassment *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
198. an aw_____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
199. ex_____ed payment *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated

ANSWERS: 189. concentration, 190. memoir, 191. concrete, 192. strength, 193. shadowy, 194. memorize, 195. apologize, 196. depress, 197. excruciating, 198. awkward, 199. extended

200. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
201. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
202. up____t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
203. pre_____us award *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
204. int_____ive thoughts *adj.* characterized by a tendency to reflect on one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, often with a deep or philosophical level of analysis and introspection
205. br__e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
206. economic to_____t *n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering
207. five degrees of fr__t *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
208. on terms of in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

ANSWERS: 200. represent, 201. straight, 202. uplift, 203. prestigious, 204. introspective, 205. brave, 206. torment, 207. frost, 208. intimacy

209. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
210. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
211. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
212. river de__as *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
213. cultural idi_____asy *n.* a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior
214. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
215. his research area of
con_____ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
216. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

ANSWERS: 209. convinced, 210. hero, 211. distance, 212. delta, 213. idiosyncrasy, 214. poet, 215. concentration, 216. grade

217. con_____on for murder *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
218. eve_____ng memories *adj.* lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring
219. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
220. de__a cone *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
221. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
222. a go_____us meal *adj.* wonderful and attractive
223. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
224. di_____es patient *n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
225. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

ANSWERS: 217. conviction, 218. everlasting, 219. grandparent, 220. delta, 221. conversation, 222. gorgeous, 223. distance, 224. diabetes, 225. segregate

226. di____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
227. ca___l dress *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
228. mu____ry jam *n.* a small deciduous tree with broad leaves, typically grown for its edible fruit or as a shade tree
229. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
230. modern po____y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
231. sub_____te coffee *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
232. ca__e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
233. military st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
234. book of po____y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
235. sh____y doorway *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

ANSWERS: 226. diminish, 227. casual, 228. mulberry, 229. poem, 230. poetry, 231. substitute, 232. canoe, 233. strategy, 234. poetry, 235. shadowy

236. co___y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
237. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
238. narrow st_____ay *n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
239. a lot of gr__f *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
240. public welfare und_____ng *n.* a task, business, assignment, or project, especially one that is essential or challenging
241. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
242. county j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
243. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
244. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
245. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
246. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

ANSWERS: 236. county, 237. represent, 238. stairway, 239. grief, 240. undertaking, 241. exaggerate, 242. jail, 243. conscious, 244. brave, 245. conversation, 246. graduate

247. han_____ng identification *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
248. at_____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
249. daytime n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
250. a glad oc_____on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
251. dis_____ate against women employees *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
252. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 247. handwriting, 248. attitude, 249. nap, 250. occasion, 251. discriminate, 252. pun

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

2. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

3. Volunteering for a _____ cause is important for building a sense of community.
adj. having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration

4. Each person has a unique _____ experience.
n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

5. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

6. The _____ employee always went above and beyond his job duties.
adj. characterized by an eager and enthusiastic pursuit of a cause or goal; passionately devoted to pursuing something

7. The _____ countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.
adj. having the least wealth or resources

8. The academy is known for its _____ faculty and rigorous curriculum.
adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

ANSWERS: 1. branch, 2. handle, 3. worthwhile, 4. grief, 5. courage, 6. zealous, 7. poorest, 8. prestigious

9. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

10. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

11. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

12. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

13. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

14. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

15. Can you help me _____ these groceries to the car?

v. to carry or transport something, especially by hand or with some effort; to haul or convey something from one place to another

16. The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to _____ the corrupt politician.

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

ANSWERS: 9. straight, 10. poetry, 11. represent, 12. poem, 13. ultimate, 14. slave, 15. tote, 16. indict

17. An _____ attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.
n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
18. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
19. They had a _____ conversation over coffee at the local cafe.
adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
20. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
21. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
22. He became _____ that he was being followed.
adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
23. His _____ of always wearing green socks was a quirky habit.
n. a distinctive or unique way of functioning, behaving, or thinking that is characteristic of an individual or a group; a peculiar or eccentric habit or behavior
24. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.
n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

ANSWERS: 17. employer's, 18. shock, 19. casual, 20. disease, 21. inequality, 22. conscious, 23. idiosyncrasy, 24. miracle

25. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
26. He became _____ after losing his job.
adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
27. 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
28. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
29. The _____ pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.
adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
30. The grand entrance hall had a magnificent marble _____ that curved gracefully upwards.
n. a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
31. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother
32. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 25. devastate, 26. homeless, 27. intimacy, 28. degree, 29. excruciating, 30. stairway, 31. grandparents, 32. inspired

33. Bamboo will soon _____ the other plants.

v. to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

34. She wore a _____ dress to the party, which everyone admired.

adj. wonderful and attractive

35. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

36. The writer's words left an _____ impact on his readers.

adj. lasting forever or indefinitely; eternal or infinite in duration, also used to describe something unchanging, constant, or enduring

37. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly _____.

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

38. I need to purchase a new English _____.

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

39. Lawyers need to _____ even the most minor provisions of the law.

v. to learn something carefully so that you will remember it exactly

40. The _____ on the note was barely legible.

n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

41. After the accident, the police found an empty _____.

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

ANSWERS: 33. outgrow, 34. gorgeous, 35. imaginary, 36. everlasting, 37. unequal, 38. dictionary, 39. memorize, 40. handwriting, 41. canoe

42. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
43. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
44. That newspaper _____ a political scandal in a big way.
v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
45. The _____ on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.
n. a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
46. 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
47. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
48. She _____ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.
v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
49. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 42. desire, 43. grade, 44. exposed, 45. frost, 46. grace, 47. hero, 48. exaggerated, 49. statistics

50. The Nile _____ is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.
- n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
51. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
- n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
52. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
- n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
53. She _____ over the tree root.
- v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
54. The president asked for a more _____ plan.
- adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
55. The school board decided to _____ students by the ability to meet their needs better.
- v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
56. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.
- n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

ANSWERS: 50. Delta, 51. universe, 52. streams, 53. stumbled, 54. concrete, 55. segregate, 56. county's

57. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

58. The politician's statements were found to be _____ and not based on fact.

adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

59. The _____ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

60. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

61. The economic recession _____ the housing market.

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

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

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

63. The _____ spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

64. The team's failure to win games has caused them to _____ in confidence.

v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

ANSWERS: 57. convince, 58. deceptive, 59. shadowy, 60. crack, 61. depressed, 62. intense, 63. spider, 64. regress

65. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
66. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
- n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
67. The _____ design of the interface made the operation difficult.
- adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
68. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
69. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
- n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
70. The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a _____ of art.
- n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
71. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.
- adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
72. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 65. rev, 66. strength, 67. awkward, 68. pun, 69. mystery, 70. masterpiece, 71. optimistic, 72. conversation

73. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

74. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

75. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

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

76. Project planning for software development is never an easy _____.

n. a task, business, assignment, or project, especially one that is essential or challenging

77. The tsunami swamped every boat in the _____.

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

78. Life expectancy has grown _____ this century.

adv. in a very impressive manner

79. I _____ for neglecting your email.

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

80. She _____ the envelope to seal it before mailing it.

v. to pass the tongue over something to moisten, taste, or eat

ANSWERS: 73. flourished, 74. graduate, 75. mysterious, 76. undertaking, 77. harbor, 78. dramatically, 79. apologize, 80. licked

81. She woke the kids up from their ____.

n. a short sleep, especially during the day

82. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

83. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

84. 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

85. She is a school _____ dedicated to helping students navigate academic and personal challenges.

n. a person trained to give advice and help people deal with personal or emotional problems

86. She wore her best dress for the special _____.

n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

87. She is a talented ____ who has been recognized for her work.

n. a person who writes poetry

88. This conduct would be an invasion of _____.

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

ANSWERS: 81. nap, 82. graduated, 83. panic, 84. void, 85. counselor, 86. occasion, 87. poet, 88. privacy

89. She had the _____ that work was fun.

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

90. As people get old, their energies may _____.

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

91. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

92. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

93. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

94. She spoke with _____ about the importance of education.

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

95. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

96. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

ANSWERS: 89. attitude, 90. diminish, 91. grab, 92. relate, 93. concentration, 94. conviction, 95. brave, 96. precious

97. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.

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

98. His abusive words made me _____.

- adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

99. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.

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

100. The torturers inflicted great _____ upon the prisoners.

- n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

101. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.

- v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

102. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

- n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

103. My father was tested for _____.

- n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood

104. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.

- n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 97. novel, 98. uncomfortable, 99. racial, 100. torment, 101. stretch, 102. quitter, 103. diabetes, 104. distance

105. I _____ skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.

n. a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

106. The couple tried to _____ their relationship by spending more time together.

v. to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling

107. 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

108. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

109. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

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

110. The politician managed to deal with that _____ issue.

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

111. You should not _____ against minorities.

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

112. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 105. substitute, 106. rekindle, 107. relations, 108. strategy, 109. recognize, 110. intricate, 111. discriminate, 112. crazy

113. The _____ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process;
(verb) fill with high spirits

114. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

115. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

116. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

117. He is _____ in his thoughts.

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior;
open-minded

118. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

119. The _____ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

120. His poetry was deeply _____ exploring themes of identity, loss, and the human condition.

adj. characterized by a tendency to reflect on one's thoughts, feelings, and actions, often with a deep or philosophical level of analysis and introspection

ANSWERS: 113. uplift, 114. improve, 115. opportune, 116. chip, 117. liberal, 118. convinced, 119. extended, 120. introspective,

121. The mentor provided _____ to the young entrepreneur, helping her navigate the business world.

n. advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making

122. He wrote his _____ while awaiting trial.

n. a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

123. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

124. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

125. The _____ tree in my backyard produces delicious fruit every summer.

n. a small deciduous tree with broad leaves, typically grown for its edible fruit or as a shade tree

126. We must _____ ourselves of pollution.

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

ANSWERS: 121. guidance, 122. memoirs, 123. silent, 124. jail, 125. mulberry, 126. rid