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Session 1: Word List

brain

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

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym: expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

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.

neuroscience

n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

amusia

n. a neurological condition characterized by the inability to perceive or produce music, often due to damage or dysfunction in the brain regions responsible for processing musical stimuli

synonym: tone-deafness, musical anhedonia

(1) rhythm **amusia**, (2) congenital **amusia**

The patient's **amusia** made it difficult for him to distinguish between different musical notes.

- fan** *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
synonym: lover, devotee, blade
(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**
I'm a big **fan** of French food.
- jazz** *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
synonym: swing, blues, bebop
(1) **jazz** club, (2) a school **jazz** band
He listened to **jazz** music to relax after a long day at work.
- opera** *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
synonym: musical, operetta, oratorio
(1) ballad **opera**, (2) **opera** performance
She loves going to the **opera** house and hearing the beautiful music.
- characteristic** *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
synonym: feature, quality, attribute
(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh
Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.
- universal** *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
synonym: common, broad, worldwide
(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design
The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.
- baffle** *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
synonym: perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises
The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash
These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

reproduce

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
synonym: duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself
By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade
Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

biology

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

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**
In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
synonym: strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior
We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym : line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

nutrient

n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

synonym : food, vitamin

(1) **nutrient** medicine, (2) a **nutrient** for hair

They used fast-acting **nutrients** on the flowers in the flower beds.

bind

v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

synonym : tie, stick to, adhere

(1) **bind** the man's hands, (2) **bind** old letters into a bundle

The company's rules **bind** the employee's working hours.

neuron

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

synonym : nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

debatable

adj. open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted

synonym: questionable, uncertain, open to discussion

(1) the validity of the theory is **debatable**, (2) **debatable** topic

Whether or not extraterrestrial life exists is still **debatable** among scientists.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

insight

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

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

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

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

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

synonym: beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity

Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

physician

n. a medical doctor who practices medicine

synonym: doctor, practitioner, medic

(1) the advice of the **physician**, (2) consult with a **physician**

She visited the local **physician** to seek treatment for her persistent headache.

anesthesiologist

n. a medical doctor who specializes in administering anesthesia to help control pain and monitor the vital signs of patients during procedures and surgeries

synonym : anesthetist, pain specialist, sedationist

(1) specialized **anesthesiologist**, (2) clinical

anesthesiologist

The experienced **anesthesiologist** monitored the patient's vital signs throughout the procedure.

gastroenterology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the structure, function, diagnosis, and treatment of the digestive system and its diseases

synonym : gastrology, digestive medicine, enterology

(1) **gastroenterology** clinic, (2) **gastroenterology** research

The doctor specializes in **gastroenterology** and treats patients with digestive disorders.

orthopedic

adj. relating to the branch of medicine concerned with the correction or prevention of deformities, disorders, or injuries of the skeletal system and associated muscles, joints, and ligaments

synonym : skeletal, musculoskeletal, bone-related

(1) **orthopedic** shoes, (2) **orthopedic** clinic

The athlete visited the **orthopedic** surgeon to have her injured knee examined and treated.

surgeon

n. a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body

synonym : sawbones, doctor

(1) an excellent brain **surgeon**, (2) army **surgeon**

He is a skilled **surgeon** that has many years of training and experience.

ophthalmology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the anatomy, physiology, and diseases of the eye

synonym : eye care, optometry, eye medicine

(1) **ophthalmology** practice, (2) **ophthalmology** clinic

My grandfather had a problem with his eyes and went to an **ophthalmology** specialist.

thanksgiving

n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

synonym: gratitude, appreciation, recognition

(1) **thanksgiving** traditions, (2) **thanksgiving** parade

My family gathers together every year for **thanksgiving** dinner.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym: assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

conductor

n. someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.

synonym: director, manager

(1) **conductor** directing a symphony, (2) oxide **conductor**

Diamonds are employed as thermal **conductors** as well.

dismay

n. a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence

synonym: distress, discouragement, consternation

(1) flop down in **dismay**, (2) feel **dismay**

The employees expressed their **dismay** at the sudden announcement of massive layoffs.

locomotive

n. a powered rail vehicle used for pulling trains or railway cars; an engine that produces the necessary power for the train to move on the tracks

synonym : train, engine, motor

(1) **locomotive** engine, (2) diesel **locomotive**

The powerful **locomotive** chugged along the tracks, hauling a long line of freight cars.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

undervalue

v. to assign too low a value to something

synonym : underrate, underestimate, devalue

(1) **undervalue** his contribution, (2) **undervalue** the potential

He **undervalued** the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym : forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym: acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

distinction

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

synonym: eminence, noteworthiness, excellence

(1) important **distinction**, (2) draw a **distinction**

I can't see any **distinction** between these two concepts.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

enhance

v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

synonym: improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla

The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym: combine, mix, intermingle

(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream

The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

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.

devour

v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

synonym: consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

autobiographical

adj. relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative

synonym: self-written, self-told, personal

(1) **autobiographical** narrative, (2) **autobiographical** memory

The author wrote an **autobiographical** novel about growing up in a small town.

analogy

n. a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept

synonym: metaphor, comparison, parallel

(1) draw **analogy**, (2) historical **analogy**

Some kinds of machine learning models show an **analogy** to how people learn.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

elusive

adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

synonym: mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

anatomical

adj. of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts

synonym: physical, bodily, structural

(1) **anatomical** structure, (2) **anatomical** elements

The **anatomical** model of the human body was used to teach medical students.

larynx

n. an organ in the top of the throat involved in breathing, producing sound

(1) irritate the **larynx**, (2) narrowing of the **larynx**

Smoking significantly increases the risk of **larynx** cancer.

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

synonym : lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

diaphragm

n. a large, dome-shaped muscle located at the bottom of the chest cavity, essential for breathing and separating the chest and abdomen; a shallow, dome-shaped device with a flexible rim that is inserted into the vagina to cover the cervix and prevent sperm from reaching the uterus, serving as a method of birth control

synonym : midriff, pessary, shield

(1) **diaphragm** birth control, (2) **diaphragm** activity

Individuals with a weak **diaphragm** may experience difficulty breathing during physical activity.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym : apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

elapse

v. to pass or go by, especially about time; to slip away unnoticed

synonym : pass, proceed, advance

(1) much time had **elapsed**, (2) **elapse** from the announced start time

Five minutes have **elapsed** since we began the experiment.

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym: betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

moodiness

n. a tendency to experience mood swings or to be easily affected by changes in mood

synonym: emotional instability, irritability, temperament

(1) control your **moodiness**, (2) **moodiness** during puberty

His **moodiness** made it difficult for his coworkers to predict how he would react to things.

irritable

adj. easily or frequently agitated, annoyed, or angered; prone to becoming tense or angry in response to minor stimuli or events

synonym: cranky, grumpy, touchy

(1) **irritable** bowel syndrome, (2) **irritable** mood

Lack of sleep can make me **irritable** and easily annoyed.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

synonym: illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

lab

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

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

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

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

martini

n. a cocktail made with gin and vermouth typically garnished with an olive or a twist of lemon peel

(1) **martini** glass, (2) shaken **martini**

I ordered a dirty **martini** with extra olives at the bar.

loathe

v. to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something

synonym: despise, hate, abominate

(1) **loathe** violence, (2) **loathe** broccoli

I absolutely **loathe** spiders and can't stand to be near them.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

enroll

v. to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

synonym: register, enlist, join

(1) **enroll** at a college, (2) **enroll** in a school

I need to **enroll** in a cooking class to improve my culinary skills.

apprentice

n. a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves

synonym: learner, trainee, protégé

(1) **apprentice** carpenter, (2) a young **apprentice**

He took on an **apprentice** to teach him the trade.

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.

gnaw

v. to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously;
to wear away at something gradually

synonym: chew, bite, annoy

(1) **gnaw** a hole in a wall, (2) **gnaw** at the national sentiment
She couldn't stop **gnawing** on her nails.

trickle

v. to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or
occur gradually or in small quantities

synonym: dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes
Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the
heavy rain.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs
skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to
construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an
interested audience

synonym: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery
How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

introductory

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a
base or starting point

synonym: beginning, preliminary, initial

(1) **introductory** biology text, (2) product **introductory** sale
The **introductory** class was designed to give students a
basic understanding of the subject.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

motor

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

synonym: actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

interleave

v. to insert or alternate layers of one thing between two or more layers of another thing, particularly in a patterned or systematic way, such as in computer memory or documents

synonym: interlace, interweave, intersperse

(1) **interleave** pages, (2) **interleave** yarns

To create a sturdy fabric, the weavers must **interleave** the

threads.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

desirable

adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

synonym: appealing, attractive, advisable

(1) **desirable** effect, (2) **desirable** result

The beachfront property had a **desirable** location with stunning ocean views.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

guinea

n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

synonym: coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

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.

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**.

conservatory

n. a place where plants are grown and cultivated, often for scientific or educational purposes; a school or institution that provides training in music, dance, or other performing arts

synonym: greenhouse, nursery, school

(1) **conservatory** of music, (2) **conservatory** plant

The **conservatory** program offered advanced training in acting and theater production.

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym: assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

royal

adj. relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family

synonym: imperial, noble, aristocratic

(1) a **royal** palace, (2) prince **royal**

She is willing to give up her position in the **royal** family to marry him.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

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.

gauge

n. an instrument for measuring and displaying the amount, level, or contents of something; (verb) to judge tentatively or form an estimate of something

synonym: measure, benchmark, judge

(1) pressure **gauge**, (2) take the **gauge** of a situation

We use various precision **gauges** in the manufacturing process of machinery.

rehearsal

n. a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

synonym: practice, run-through, drill

(1) dress **rehearsal**, (2) music **rehearsal**

The theater company had its final **rehearsal** before opening night.

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

synonym: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair

The interests of the two countries **collide**.

extract

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

synonym: excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**

Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

nutshell

n. the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something

synonym: summary, essence, covering

(1) move into a **nutshell**, (2) **nutshell** version

Can you explain your argument in a **nutshell**?

prime

adj. main or most important; basic

synonym: excellent, exceptional, premium

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

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

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym: disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

anthropomorphize

v. to attribute human characteristics, emotions, and abilities to non-human entities

synonym: personify, humanize

(1) **anthropomorphize** animals, (2) **anthropomorphize** God

The children **anthropomorphized** their stuffed animals and gave them personalities.

attribute

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

synonym: ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

pet

n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**

I have a parrot as a **pet**.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially

the internet

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

repetition

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

synonym: duplication, iteration, recurrence

(1) **repetition** of the word, (2) habitual **repetition**

Repetition is the mother of all learning.

genre

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

synonym: type, category, style

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

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

explicit

adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

synonym: clear, unambiguous, unequivocal

(1) **explicit** content, (2) **explicit** instructions

The movie had an **explicit** sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym: modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

composition

n. the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

synonym: creating, formatting, arrangement

(1) age **composition** of the population, (2) the piano passages in the **composition**

Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of **composition**.

insert

v. to put something inside something else

synonym: introduce, add, embed

(1) **insert** coin, (2) **insert** a graphic

She **inserted** a new chapter into her manuscript.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym: compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

obsession

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

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

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

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

riot *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
synonym: disturbance, unrest, upheaval
(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas
The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

topple *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
synonym: overturn, capsize, upset
(1) **topple** communist rule, (2) **topple** off a ledge
The statue was old and unstable, so it easily **toppled** over.

government *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
synonym: administration, regime, state
(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

chill *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
synonym: coldness, coolness, (verb) freeze
(1) the **chill** of autumn, (2) feel a slight **chill**
His swear words cast a **chill** on the party.

awash *adj.* flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive
synonym: flooded, inundated, immersed
(1) **awash** with cash, (2) **awash** in debt
The beach was **awash** with seaweed after the storm.

neurotransmitter

n. a chemical that carries nerve impulses between neurons or between neurons and muscles

(1) **neurotransmitter** receptor, (2) **neurotransmitters** released from the brain

Endorphins are a type of **neurotransmitter** that gives a sense of well-being.

dopamine

n. a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension

(1) **dopamine-inhibiting** agent, (2) antagonism of **dopamine**

The drug controls the level of **dopamine** in the brain.

widespread

adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people

synonym: across-the-board, overall, general

(1) **widespread** use, (2) **widespread** fear of nuclear war

In medieval times, death punishment was **widespread** and socially accepted.

fame

n. the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

synonym: celebrity, renown, stardom

(1) leap into **fame**, (2) his undying **fame**

Good **fame** is better than a good face.

undersell

v. to sell something at a lower price than it is worth or than someone else is selling it for; to downplay or diminish the value or importance of something to make it appear less impressive or desirable

synonym: downplay, undercut, devalue

(1) **undersell** the value, (2) **undersell** their abilities

The store always tries to **undersell** its competitors to attract more customers.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

salience

n. the quality of being prominent, significant, or relevant; the degree to which something stands out or is noticeable

synonym : prominence, importance, significance

(1) the **salience** of the topic, (2) emotional **salience**

The **salience** of the issue was highlighted in the national news.

nauseate

v. to cause feelings of nausea or sickness; to feel sick or queasy; to cause repugnance or disgust

synonym : queasy, sicken, disgust

(1) **nauseate** my stomach, (2) make me **nauseate**

The roller coaster ride was so intense that it **nauseated** some passengers.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

self-doubt

n. lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself

synonym : insecurity, uncertainty, diffident

(1) overcome **self-doubt**, (2) spiral of **self-doubt**

I was filled with **self-doubt**.

nail

n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

synonym : pin, tack, fastener

(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper

He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on the fence.

coffin

n. a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

synonym: casket, box, chest

(1) **coffin** lid, (2) wooden **coffin**

The priest prayed over the **coffin** before it was lowered into the ground.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

climax

n. the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

synonym: finale, pinnacle, apex

(1) emotional **climax**, (2) reach a **climax**

The **climax** of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.

reaction

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

synonym: response, reply, answer

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

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

screw

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

synonym: tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**

He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

memorable

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

synonym : extraordinary, noteworthy, unforgettable

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

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

perspective

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

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

mediate

v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

synonym : arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation

The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

caudate

adj. shaped like a tail; relating to or situated in the tail or posterior part

synonym : long-tailed, tapering

(1) **caudate** branches, (2) **caudate** lobe

The **caudate** nucleus is responsible for motor and emotional functions in the brain.

nucleus

n. the central and most important part of something; (biology) a part of the cell containing DNA and RNA and responsible for growth and reproduction; (physics) the very dense central region of an atom

synonym : core, heart, middle

(1) form a **nucleus**, (2) the **nucleus** of a team

DNA is stored in the **nucleus** of a cell.

accumbens

n. (nucleus accumbens) an area of the brain located in the basal forebrain that has a significant role in the cognitive processing of motivation, aversion, reward

(1) nucleus **accumbens** neurons, (2) cells of the nucleus **accumbens**

Dopamine is released into the nucleus **accumbens**.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

reward

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

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

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

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

punishment

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing

further wrongdoing

synonym : penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

spike

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

synonym : end, spindle, point

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

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

correlate

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

synonym : associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

electrode

n. either of two points or ends of a conductor at which electricity enters or leaves an object, substance, or region

(1) platinum **electrodes**, (2) **electrode** corrosion

It is important to place the **electrodes** in the correct position for accurate electro-cardiogram recording.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym : lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

stimming

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

synonym : self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym : amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

delay

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

synonym : block, adjourn, detain

(1) **delay** a flight three hours, (2) **delay** the new project

We **delayed** the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

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.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

parisian

adj. of or from Paris, France; characteristic of Paris or its inhabitants

(1) **Parisian** celebrity, (2) **parisian** accent

The **Parisian** café had a charming atmosphere.

courtesan

n. a woman who is kept or supported in exchange for sexual services or companionship; a high-class prostitute or mistress

synonym: prostitute, paramour, escort

(1) the life of a **courtesan**, (2) high-class **courtesan**

The movie was about the life of a famous **courtesan** in 18th-century France.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym: hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

tuberculosis

n. an infectious disease usually caused by tubercle bacteria that can attack many parts of a person's body, especially their lungs

(1) died of **tuberculosis**, (2) a medicine for **tuberculosis**

Tuberculosis used to be considered a fatal disease.

soprano

n. the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet

synonym: treble

(1) **soprano** singer, (2) dramatic **soprano**

The **soprano's** voice was so beautiful that it brought the audience to tears.

entertaining

adj. providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing

synonym: amusing, diverting, engaging

(1) **entertaining** puppet show, (2) very **entertaining** book

The magician's act was **entertaining** and kept the audience on the edge of their seats.

lavish

adj. large in amount and expensive or impressive

synonym: grate, grand, splendid

(1) **lavish** lifestyle, (2) enjoy a **lavish** trip abroad

He has earned **lavish** praise for his achievement.

exhausted

adj. extremely tired

synonym: drowsy, depleted, fatigued

(1) the **exhausted** food sources, (2) **exhausted** parents

The **exhausted** runner fell to the ground and gasped.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym: relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

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.

pulse

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

synonym: beat, vibration, throb

(1) a weak **pulse**, (2) **pulse** waves

The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your **pulse**.

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.

double-edged

adj. having two sharp edges or sides, especially one that can harm or benefit in equal measure; (of sword or blade) having two cutting edges

synonym: two-sided, ambivalent, ambiguous

(1) a **double-edged** compliment, (2) **double-edged** tool

The **double-edged** sword could be used for both offense and defense.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

communicate

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

synonym : convey, share, transmit

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

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

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

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

relax

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

synonym : soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym : sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re__x at home
v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
2. aut_____cal narrative
adj. relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative
3. con_____ory of music
n. a place where plants are grown and cultivated, often for scientific or educational purposes; a school or institution that provides training in music, dance, or other performing arts
4. pr__e number
adj. main or most important; basic
5. re__x a series of muscles
v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
6. ho_____ss situation
adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
7. historical an_____y
n. a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
8. ort_____ic clinic
adj. relating to the branch of medicine concerned with the correction or prevention of deformities, disorders, or injuries of the skeletal system and associated muscles, joints, and ligaments
9. tr_____e from his eyes
v. to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

ANSWERS: 1. relax, 2. autobiographical, 3. conservatory, 4. prime, 5. relax, 6. hopeless, 7. analogy, 8. orthopedic, 9. trickle

10. the ch__l of autumn *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
11. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic
12. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
13. de____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
14. int____ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
15. the te____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
16. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
17. lo____e broccoli *v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something
18. di____gm activity *n.* a large, dome-shaped muscle located at the bottom of the chest cavity, essential for breathing and separating the chest and abdomen; a shallow, dome-shaped device with a flexible rim that is inserted into the vagina to cover the cervix and prevent sperm from reaching the uterus, serving as a method of birth control
19. least me____le song *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

ANSWERS: 10. chill, 11. prime, 12. lab, 13. dedicate, 14. introductory, 15. technique, 16. deem, 17. loathe, 18. diaphragm, 19. memorable

20. improved student ou____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
21. 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
22. co____te closely with the quality *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
23. congenital am____a *n.* a neurological condition characterized by the inability to perceive or produce music, often due to damage or dysfunction in the brain regions responsible for processing musical stimuli
24. ana____al structure *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
25. in____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
26. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
27. su____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
28. a literary ge__e *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
29. el____e from the announced start time *v.* to pass or go by, especially about time; to slip away unnoticed
30. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature

ANSWERS: 20. outcome, 21. universe, 22. correlate, 23. amusia, 24. anatomical, 25. intention, 26. singe, 27. survive, 28. genre, 29. elapse, 30. trait

31. an ar____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
32. much time had el____ed *v.* to pass or go by, especially about time; to slip away unnoticed
33. diesel loc____ve *n.* a powered rail vehicle used for pulling trains or railway cars; an engine that produces the necessary power for the train to move on the tracks
34. ent____ing puppet show *adj.* providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing
35. a school j__z band *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
36. book of po____y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
37. understand his mot____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
38. me____e allergic reaction *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
39. lo____e violence *v.* to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something
40. loc____ve engine *n.* a powered rail vehicle used for pulling trains or railway cars; an engine that produces the necessary power for the train to move on the tracks

ANSWERS: 31. artistic, 32. elapse, 33. locomotive, 34. entertaining, 35. jazz, 36. poetry, 37. motivation, 38. mediate, 39. loathe, 40. locomotive

41. the branch of neu_____nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
42. ana_____al elements *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
43. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
44. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
45. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
46. na_____te my stomach *v.* to cause feelings of nausea or sickness; to feel sick or queasy; to cause repugnance or disgust
47. to___e off a ledge *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
48. product int_____ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
49. a tremor of de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
50. ob_____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 41. neuroscience, 42. anatomical, 43. starve, 44. typical, 45. engagement, 46. nauseate, 47. topple, 48. introductory, 49. delight, 50. observe

63. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
64. ballad op__a *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
65. co____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
66. ir____le bowel syndrome *adj.* easily or frequently agitated, annoyed, or angered; prone to becoming tense or angry in response to minor stimuli or events
67. chemical re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
68. unintended con____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
69. ex__d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
70. important dis____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
71. a ch____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
72. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
73. military st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
74. co____e in midair *v.* to hit something violently when moving

ANSWERS: 63. bunch, 64. opera, 65. compose, 66. irritable, 67. reaction, 68. consequence, 69. extend, 70. distinction, 71. chemical, 72. award, 73. strategy, 74. collide

75. flop down in di___y *n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
76. ho___ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
77. ch___c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
78. died of tub_____sis *n.* an infectious disease usually caused by tubercle bacteria that can attack many parts of a person's body, especially their lungs
79. habitual rep_____on *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
80. joint rec_____on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
81. ev_____te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
82. an excellent brain su_____n *n.* a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
83. gas_____ogy clinic *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the structure, function, diagnosis, and treatment of the digestive system and its diseases

ANSWERS: 75. dismay, 76. hopeless, 77. chaotic, 78. tuberculosis, 79. repetition, 80. recognition, 81. evaluate, 82. surgeon, 83. gastroenterology

84. autistic st_____ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
85. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
86. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
87. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
88. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
89. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
90. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
91. tr_____e down my cheek *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
92. emotional cl____x *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

ANSWERS: 84. stimming, 85. perspective, 86. abandon, 87. obsession, 88. frame, 89. riot, 90. perspective, 91. trickle, 92. climax

93. the ex_____ed food sources *adj.* extremely tired
94. my friend's cha_____tic laugh *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
95. re_____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
96. en_____e the flavor of the vanilla *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
97. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
98. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
99. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
100. ca_____e lobe *adj.* shaped like a tail; relating to or situated in the tail or posterior part
101. native to___e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
102. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
103. mo_____ss during puberty *n.* a tendency to experience mood swings or to be easily affected by changes in mood

ANSWERS: 93. exhausted, 94. characteristic, 95. reinforce, 96. enhance, 97. government, 98. struggle, 99. singe, 100. caudate, 101. tongue, 102. reinforce, 103. moodiness

104. toxic ch____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
105. a weak pu__e *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
106. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
107. the advice of the ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
108. ge__e of music *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
109. an el_____e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
110. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
111. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
112. bl__d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
113. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

ANSWERS: 104. chemical, 105. pulse, 106. communicate, 107. physician, 108. genre, 109. elusive, 110. develop, 111. fan, 112. blend, 113. sacrifice

114. j__z club *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
115. b__d the man's hands *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
116. de_____le result *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
117. nucleus ac_____ns neurons *n.* (nucleus accumbens) an area of the brain located in the basal forebrain that has a significant role in the cognitive processing of motivation, aversion, reward
118. a ro__l palace *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
119. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
120. aw__h in debt *adj.* flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive
121. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
122. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

ANSWERS: 114. jazz, 115. bind, 116. desirable, 117. accumbens, 118. royal, 119. typical, 120. awash, 121. highlight, 122. evolve

123. very ent_____ing book *adj.* providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing
124. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
125. re_____ce the painting *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
126. bl__d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
127. 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
128. clinical ane_____ist *n.* a medical doctor who specializes in administering anesthesia to help control pain and monitor the vital signs of patients during procedures and surgeries
129. antagonism of do_____ne *n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
130. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

ANSWERS: 123. entertaining, 124. random, 125. reproduce, 126. blend, 127. mystery, 128. anesthesiologist, 129. dopamine, 130. instrument

131. modern po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
132. high-class co_____an *n.* a woman who is kept or supported in exchange for sexual services or companionship; a high-class prostitute or mistress
133. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
134. de_____le effect *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
135. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
136. dou_____ged tool *adj.* having two sharp edges or sides, especially one that can harm or benefit in equal measure; (of sword or blade) having two cutting edges
137. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
138. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
139. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
140. emotional sa_____ce *n.* the quality of being prominent, significant, or relevant; the degree to which something stands out or is noticeable

ANSWERS: 131. poetry, 132. courtesan, 133. demonstrate, 134. desirable, 135. judge, 136. double-edged, 137. device, 138. device, 139. trait, 140. salience

141. his undying f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
142. the sa_____ce of the topic *n.* the quality of being prominent, significant, or relevant; the degree to which something stands out or is noticeable
143. to___e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
144. music re_____al *n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
145. int_____ve yarns *v.* to insert or alternate layers of one thing between two or more layers of another thing, particularly in a patterned or systematic way, such as in computer memory or documents
146. stripes cha_____tic of the zebra *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
147. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
148. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

ANSWERS: 141. fame, 142. salience, 143. tongue, 144. rehearsal, 145. interleave, 146. characteristic, 147. outcome, 148. recognition

149. aut_____cal memory *adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative
150. de___r my way *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
151. a nu_____nt for hair *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
152. de__y the new project *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
153. st_____ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
154. a male pro_____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
155. control your mo_____ss *n.* a tendency to experience mood swings or to be easily affected by changes in mood
156. de_____le topic *adj.* open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted
157. track down an el_____e fact *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
158. ba___e his plan *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

ANSWERS: 149. autobiographical, 150. devour, 151. nutrient, 152. delay, 153. stimming, 154. prostitute, 155. moodiness, 156. debatable, 157. elusive, 158. baffle

159. ex_____ed parents *adj.* extremely tired
160. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
161. the piano passages in the com_____on *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
162. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
163. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
164. a female sc__w *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
165. ort_____ic shoes *adj.* relating to the branch of medicine concerned with the correction or prevention of deformities, disorders, or injuries of the skeletal system and associated muscles, joints, and ligaments
166. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 159. exhausted, 160. brain, 161. composition, 162. digital, 163. complicated, 164. screw, 165. orthopedic, 166. argue

176. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
177. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
178. draw a dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
179. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
180. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
181. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
182. ca_____e branches *adj.* shaped like a tail; relating to or situated in the tail or posterior part
183. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
184. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
185. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
186. humiliating pun_____nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 176. phrase, 177. struggle, 178. distinction, 179. straight, 180. improve, 181. vast, 182. caudate, 183. stick, 184. intention, 185. motor, 186. punishment

187. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
188. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
189. neu_____ters released from the brain *n.* a chemical that carries nerve impulses between neurons or between neurons and muscles
190. so_____o singer *n.* the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet
191. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
192. dress re_____al *n.* a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing
193. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
194. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 187. hire, 188. instrument, 189. neurotransmitter, 190. soprano, 191. judge, 192. rehearsal, 193. desire, 194. specific

195. 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
196. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
197. feel di____y *n.* a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence
198. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
199. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
200. age com_____on of the population *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
201. ab_____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

ANSWERS: 195. mystery, 196. guarantee, 197. dismay, 198. pet, 199. sacrifice, 200. composition, 201. abandon

202. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
203. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
204. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
205. ir_____le mood *adj.* easily or frequently agitated, annoyed, or angered; prone to becoming tense or angry in response to minor stimuli or events
206. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
207. g__w at the national sentiment *v.* to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually
208. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
209. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
210. con_____ory plant *n.* a place where plants are grown and cultivated, often for scientific or educational purposes; a school or institution that provides training in music, dance, or other performing arts
211. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
212. co_____e head-on *v.* to hit something violently when moving

ANSWERS: 202. biology, 203. straight, 204. devastate, 205. irritable, 206. award, 207. gnaw, 208. motivation, 209. principle, 210. conservatory, 211. imaginary, 212. collide

213. b__d old letters into a bundle *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
214. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
215. g__w a hole in a wall *v.* to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually
216. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
217. a dou_____ged compliment *adj.* having two sharp edges or sides, especially one that can harm or benefit in equal measure; (of sword or blade) having two cutting edges
218. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
219. the nu_____s of a team *n.* the central and most important part of something; (biology) a part of the cell containing DNA and RNA and responsible for growth and reproduction; (physics) the very dense central region of an atom
220. irr_____al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

ANSWERS: 213. bind, 214. deem, 215. gnaw, 216. essential, 217. double-edged, 218. starve, 219. nucleus, 220. irrational

221. reach a cl___x *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
222. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
223. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
224. enjoy a la___h trip abroad *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
225. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
226. co_____or directing a symphony *n.* someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.
227. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
228. wooden co___n *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
229. Pa_____an celebrity *adj.* of or from Paris, France; characteristic of Paris or its inhabitants
230. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 221. climax, 222. creative, 223. engagement, 224. lavish, 225. evolve, 226. conductor, 227. principle, 228. coffin, 229. parisian, 230. specific

231. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
232. move into a nu_____ll *n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
233. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
234. a p_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
235. shaken ma_____i *n.* a cocktail made with gin and vermouth typically garnished with an olive or a twist of lemon peel
236. re_____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
237. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
238. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
239. to prevent blood sugar sp__es *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

ANSWERS: 231. discovery, 232. nutshell, 233. context, 234. pet, 235. martini, 236. reproduce, 237. individual, 238. lever, 239. spike

240. feel a slight ch__l *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
241. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
242. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
243. take the ga__e of a situation *n.* an instrument for measuring and displaying the amount, level, or contents of something; (verb) to judge tentatively or form an estimate of something
244. share my in____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
245. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
246. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
247. a medicine for tub_____sis *n.* an infectious disease usually caused by tubercle bacteria that can attack many parts of a person's body, especially their lungs
248. 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: 240. chill, 241. frame, 242. desire, 243. gauge, 244. insight, 245. essential, 246. fan, 247. tuberculosis, 248. universe

249. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
250. platinum el_____des *n.* either of two points or ends of a conductor at which electricity enters or leaves an object, substance, or region
251. n__l clipper *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
252. ba___e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
253. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
254. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
255. co___n lid *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
256. pressure ga___e *n.* an instrument for measuring and displaying the amount, level, or contents of something; (verb) to judge tentatively or form an estimate of something
257. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
258. create me_____le experiences *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

ANSWERS: 249. mysterious, 250. electrode, 251. nail, 252. baffle, 253. bunch, 254. contemporary, 255. coffin, 256. gauge, 257. highlight, 258. memorable

259. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
260. en___l at a college *v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service
261. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
262. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
263. ob_____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
264. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
265. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
266. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
267. pun_____nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
268. rhythm am___a *n.* a neurological condition characterized by the inability to perceive or produce music, often due to damage or dysfunction in the brain regions responsible for processing musical stimuli

ANSWERS: 259. release, 260. enroll, 261. imaginary, 262. government, 263. observe, 264. communicate, 265. devastate, 266. discovery, 267. punishment, 268. amusia

269. nu_____ll version *n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
270. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
271. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
272. at_____te directly to sales *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
273. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
274. tense piano st____gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
275. the ch_____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
276. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
277. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
278. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

ANSWERS: 269. nutshell, 270. survive, 271. dedicate, 272. attribute, 273. strategy, 274. string, 275. chaotic, 276. decide, 277. intensify, 278. intensify

279. leap into f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
280. ant_____ize animals *v.* to attribute human characteristics, emotions, and abilities to non-human entities
281. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
282. pa_____an accent *adj.* of or from Paris, France; characteristic of Paris or its inhabitants
283. the validity of the theory is de_____le *adj.* open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted
284. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
285. wid_____ad use *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
286. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
287. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
288. un_____ll the value *v.* to sell something at a lower price than it is worth or than someone else is selling it for; to downplay or diminish the value or importance of something to make it appear less impressive or desirable

ANSWERS: 279. fame, 280. anthropomorphize, 281. reaction, 282. parisian, 283. debatable, 284. motor, 285. widespread, 286. decide, 287. improve, 288. undersell

289. an irr_____al request *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
290. la____h lifestyle *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
291. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
292. cultural and ar_____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
293. ev_____te the grant proposal *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
294. tha_____ing traditions *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
295. co_____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
296. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
297. op__a performance *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

ANSWERS: 289. irrational, 290. lavish, 291. stick, 292. artistic, 293. evaluate, 294. thanksgiving, 295. compose, 296. individual, 297. opera

298. prince ro__l *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
299. a brief ex_____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
300. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
301. cells of the nucleus ac_____ns *n.* (nucleus accumbens) an area of the brain located in the basal forebrain that has a significant role in the cognitive processing of motivation, aversion, reward
302. oph_____ogy practice *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the anatomy, physiology, and diseases of the eye
303. ma_____i glass *n.* a cocktail made with gin and vermouth typically garnished with an olive or a twist of lemon peel
304. retie the st___g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
305. excite the ne___ns *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

ANSWERS: 298. royal, 299. extract, 300. insight, 301. accumbens, 302. ophthalmology, 303. martini, 304. string, 305. neuron

306. und_____ue the potential *v.* to assign too low a value to something
307. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
308. gu____a coins *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
309. the life of a co_____an *n.* a woman who is kept or supported in exchange for sexual services or companionship; a high-class prostitute or mistress
310. a young app_____ce *n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
311. me_____e a negotiation *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
312. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
313. at_____te the change to their marriage *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
314. wid_____ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people

ANSWERS: 306. undervalue, 307. context, 308. guinea, 309. courtesan, 310. apprentice, 311. mediate, 312. torture, 313. attribute, 314. widespread

315. specialized ane_____ist *n.* a medical doctor who specializes in administering anesthesia to help control pain and monitor the vital signs of patients during procedures and surgeries
316. dramatic so_____o *n.* the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet
317. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
318. rep_____on of the word *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
319. gu_____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
320. with de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
321. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
322. en_____e value *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
323. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
324. ne____n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

ANSWERS: 315. anesthesiologist, 316. soprano, 317. universal, 318. repetition, 319. guarantee, 320. delight, 321. obsession, 322. enhance, 323. collaborate, 324. neuron

325. sc__w the cap *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
326. und_____ue his contribution *v.* to assign too low a value to something
327. ex_____it instructions *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
328. to___e communist rule *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
329. make me na_____te *v.* to cause feelings of nausea or sickness; to feel sick or queasy; to cause repugnance or disgust
330. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
331. irritate the la___x *n.* an organ in the top of the throat involved in breathing, producing sound
332. rusty n__l *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
333. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
334. co_____te to the size *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
335. en___l in a school *v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

ANSWERS: 325. screw, 326. undervalue, 327. explicit, 328. topple, 329. nauseate, 330. creative, 331. larynx, 332. nail, 333. technique, 334. correlate, 335. enroll

336. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
337. draw an_____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
338. de__y a flight three hours *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
339. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
340. int_____ve pages *v.* to insert or alternate layers of one thing between two or more layers of another thing, particularly in a patterned or systematic way, such as in computer memory or documents
341. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
342. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
343. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
344. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
345. di_____gm birth control *n.* a large, dome-shaped muscle located at the bottom of the chest cavity, essential for breathing and separating the chest and abdomen; a shallow, dome-shaped device with a flexible rim that is inserted into the vagina to cover the cervix and prevent sperm from reaching the uterus, serving as a method of birth control

ANSWERS: 336. universal, 337. analogy, 338. delay, 339. random, 340. interleave, 341. release, 342. vast, 343. contemporary, 344. argue, 345. diaphragm

346. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
347. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
348. gas_____ogy research *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the structure, function, diagnosis, and treatment of the digestive system and its diseases
349. do_____ne-inhibiting agent *n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
350. aw__h with cash *adj.* flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive
351. ex___d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
352. gu___a pig *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
353. un_____ll their abilities *v.* to sell something at a lower price than it is worth or than someone else is selling it for; to downplay or diminish the value or importance of something to make it appear less impressive or desirable

ANSWERS: 346. lever, 347. difficulty, 348. gastroenterology, 349. dopamine, 350. awash, 351. extend, 352. guinea, 353. undersell

354. an instrument of to____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
355. temporary me____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
356. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
357. botanical ex____t *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
358. el____de corrosion *n.* either of two points or ends of a conductor at which electricity enters or leaves an object, substance, or region
359. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
360. oxide co____or *n.* someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.
361. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
362. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 354. torture, 355. medical, 356. biology, 357. extract, 358. electrode, 359. lab, 360. conductor, 361. riot, 362. brain

363. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
364. app_____ce carpenter *n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
365. pro_____te street *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
366. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
367. nu_____nt medicine *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
368. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
369. oph_____ogy clinic *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the anatomy, physiology, and diseases of the eye
370. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
371. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
372. ex_____it content *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
373. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

ANSWERS: 363. mysterious, 364. apprentice, 365. prostitute, 366. digital, 367. nutrient, 368. consequence, 369. ophthalmology, 370. reward, 371. reward, 372. explicit, 373. medical

374. dif_____ty in breathing

n. a condition or state that causes problems

ANSWERS: 374. difficulty

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The magician's act was _____ and kept the audience on the edge of their seats.
adj. providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing
2. The author wrote an _____ novel about growing up in a small town.
adj. relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative
3. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
4. The roller coaster ride was so intense that it _____ some passengers.
v. to cause feelings of nausea or sickness; to feel sick or queasy; to cause repugnance or disgust
5. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
6. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral _____.
n. the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
7. I ordered a dirty _____ with extra olives at the bar.
n. a cocktail made with gin and vermouth typically garnished with an olive or a twist of lemon peel

ANSWERS: 1. entertaining, 2. autobiographical, 3. stick, 4. nauseated, 5. highlighted, 6. neuroscience, 7. martini

8. His passionate speech makes a _____ impression.

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

9. The _____ model of the human body was used to teach medical students.

adj. of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts

10. The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your _____.

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

11. He could not _____ against temptation.

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

12. She _____ the mystery novel in one sitting.

v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

13. He _____ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

14. The theater company had its final _____ before opening night.

n. a practice session, usually for a performance or presentation, during which people prepare and fine-tune their performance, often with the help of feedback from others; the act of rehearsing

15. The beachfront property had a _____ location with stunning ocean views.

adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

ANSWERS: 8. memorable, 9. anatomical, 10. pulse, 11. struggle, 12. devoured, 13. attributes, 14. rehearsal, 15. desirable

16. _____ used to be considered a fatal disease.
- n.* an infectious disease usually caused by tubercle bacteria that can attack many parts of a person's body, especially their lungs
17. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
18. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.
- n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
19. She couldn't stop _____ on her nails.
- v.* to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually
20. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.
- v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
21. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.
- v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
22. Bananas have their _____ taste and odor.
- n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
23. The doctor specializes in _____ and treats patients with digestive disorders.
- n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the structure, function, diagnosis, and treatment of the digestive system and its diseases

ANSWERS: 16. Tuberculosis, 17. device, 18. motors, 19. gnawing, 20. blend, 21. evaluate, 22. characteristic, 23. gastroenterology

24. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.
- n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
25. The statue was old and unstable, so it easily _____ over.
- v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
26. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
27. The interests of the two countries _____.
- v.* to hit something violently when moving
28. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
- n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
29. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
- v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
30. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
31. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.
- n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

ANSWERS: 24. recognition, 25. toppled, 26. insights, 27. collide, 28. biology, 29. observe, 30. creative, 31. engagement

32. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.
- n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
33. She is willing to give up her position in the _____ family to marry him.
- adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
34. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.
- n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
35. 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
36. My grandfather had a problem with his eyes and went to an _____ specialist.
- n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the anatomy, physiology, and diseases of the eye
37. Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of _____.
- n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
38. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.
- n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a tongue
39. The _____ of the issue was highlighted in the national news.
- n.* the quality of being prominent, significant, or relevant; the degree to which something stands out or is noticeable

ANSWERS: 32. lever, 33. royal, 34. prostitute, 35. universe, 36. ophthalmology, 37. composition, 38. tongue, 39. salience

40. Lack of sleep can make me _____ and easily annoyed.

adj. easily or frequently agitated, annoyed, or angered; prone to becoming tense or angry in response to minor stimuli or events

41. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

42. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

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

43. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

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

44. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

n. something you want to do and are going to do

45. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

46. I need to _____ in a cooking class to improve my culinary skills.

v. to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

47. I absolutely _____ spiders and can't stand to be near them.

v. to feel strong hatred or disgust for someone or something; to be unwilling or reluctant to do something

ANSWERS: 40. irritable, 41. random, 42. reaction, 43. mysterious, 44. intentions, 45. bunch, 46. enroll, 47. loathe

48. He listened to _____ music to relax after a long day at work.
- n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
49. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
- adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
50. DNA is stored in the _____ of a cell.
- n.* the central and most important part of something; (biology) a part of the cell containing DNA and RNA and responsible for growth and reproduction; (physics) the very dense central region of an atom
51. She loves going to the _____ house and hearing the beautiful music.
- n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
52. The teacher had to _____ a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.
- v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
53. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
54. He was sick for five _____ days.
- adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
55. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.
- v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 48. jazz, 49. universal, 50. nucleus, 51. opera, 52. mediate, 53. decide, 54. straight, 55. starve

56. He used a hammer and round _____ to fix the loose board on the fence.
n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
57. In medieval times, death punishment was _____ and socially accepted.
adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people
58. The paradox _____ most philosophers.
v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
59. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
60. Can you explain your argument in a _____
n. the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
61. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.
n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
62. His swear words cast a _____ on the party.
n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
63. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 56. nail, 57. widespread, 58. baffled, 59. principle, 60. nutshell?, 61. instrument, 62. chill, 63. release

64. The new strategy will _____ the profitability of our company.
v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
65. The drug controls the level of _____ in the brain.
n. a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
66. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
67. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.
adj. main or most important; basic
68. Some kinds of machine learning models show an _____ to how people learn.
n. a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
69. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
70. She visited the local _____ to seek treatment for her persistent headache.
n. a medical doctor who practices medicine
71. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.
n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 64. enhance, 65. dopamine, 66. strategy, 67. prime, 68. analogy, 69. obsession, 70. physician, 71. torture

72. The structure is _____ of three main components.

- v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

73. The _____ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

- adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

74. The _____ program offered advanced training in acting and theater production.

- n.* a place where plants are grown and cultivated, often for scientific or educational purposes; a school or institution that provides training in music, dance, or other performing arts

75. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.

- n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

76. The _____ of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.

- n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

77. My family gathers together every year for _____ dinner.

- n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

78. They used fast-acting _____ on the flowers in the flower beds.

- n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

ANSWERS: 72. composed, 73. introductory, 74. conservatory, 75. string, 76. climax, 77. thanksgiving, 78. nutrients

79. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
80. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
81. To create a sturdy fabric, the weavers must _____ the threads.
v. to insert or alternate layers of one thing between two or more layers of another thing, particularly in a patterned or systematic way, such as in computer memory or documents
82. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
83. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
n. a particular feature of your nature
84. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
85. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
86. I'm a big ___ of French food.
n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

ANSWERS: 79. delight, 80. riots, 81. interleave, 82. lab, 83. traits, 84. individual, 85. brain, 86. fan

87. Diamonds are employed as thermal _____ as well.
- n.* someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.
88. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
89. She _____ a new chapter into her manuscript.
- v.* to put something inside something else
90. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.
- adj.* belonging to the same or present time
91. He _____ his life to helping others.
- v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
92. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
- v.* to give somebody a job
93. He has earned _____ praise for his achievement.
- adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
94. The patient's _____ made it difficult for him to distinguish between different musical notes.
- n.* a neurological condition characterized by the inability to perceive or produce music, often due to damage or dysfunction in the brain regions responsible for processing musical stimuli

ANSWERS: 87. conductors, 88. context, 89. inserted, 90. Contemporary, 91. dedicated, 92. hire, 93. lavish, 94. amusia

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

v. to make or become better

96. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

97. He is a skilled _____ that has many years of training and experience.

n. a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body

98. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

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

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

100. I can't see any _____ between these two concepts.

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

101. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

102. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

103. The rules were _____ after the new executive arrived.

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

ANSWERS: 95. improve, 96. phrase, 97. surgeon, 98. intensify, 99. spike, 100. distinction, 101. technique, 102. award, 103. relaxed

104. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

105. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

106. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

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

107. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

108. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.

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

109. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

110. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

111. The _____ sword could be used for both offense and defense.

adj. having two sharp edges or sides, especially one that can harm or benefit in equal measure; (of sword or blade) having two cutting edges

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

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

ANSWERS: 104. typical, 105. artistic, 106. evolved, 107. irrational, 108. devastate, 109. motivation, 110. imaginary, 111. double-edged, 112. poetry

113. He took on an _____ to teach him the trade.

n. a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves

114. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

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

115. _____ is the mother of all learning.

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

116. The beach was _____ with seaweed after the storm.

adj. flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive

117. Endorphins are a type of _____ that gives a sense of well-being.

n. a chemical that carries nerve impulses between neurons or between neurons and muscles

118. The movie had an _____ sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

119. His _____ made it difficult for his coworkers to predict how he would react to things.

n. a tendency to experience mood swings or to be easily affected by changes in mood

120. The employees expressed their _____ at the sudden announcement of massive layoffs.

n. a feeling of discouragement, distress, or anxiety caused by something unexpected or unwelcome; a sudden loss of courage or confidence

ANSWERS: 113. apprentice, 114. rewards, 115. Repetition, 116. awash, 117. neurotransmitter, 118. explicit, 119. moodiness, 120. dismay

121. The _____ nucleus is responsible for motor and emotional functions in the brain.
adj. shaped like a tail; relating to or situated in the tail or posterior part
122. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
123. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria _____.
v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
124. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
125. I have a parrot as a _____.
n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
126. I was filled with _____.
n. lack of confidence in one's abilities or oneself
127. Whether or not extraterrestrial life exists is still _____ among scientists.
adj. open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted
128. Five minutes have _____ since we began the experiment.
v. to pass or go by, especially about time; to slip away unnoticed
129. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 121. caudate, 122. argue, 123. reproduce, 124. government, 125. pet, 126. self-doubt, 127. debatable, 128. elapsed, 129. desire

130. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
131. The cost of the antique vase is three _____.
n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
132. The _____ runner fell to the ground and gasped.
adj. extremely tired
133. We may frequently _____ age with the frequency of disease.
v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
134. The powerful _____ chugged along the tracks, hauling a long line of freight cars.
n. a powered rail vehicle used for pulling trains or railway cars; an engine that produces the necessary power for the train to move on the tracks
135. The physicist who found the _____ particle won the Nobel Prize.
adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
136. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.
v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
137. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 130. sacrifice, 131. guineas, 132. exhausted, 133. correlate, 134. locomotive, 135. elusive, 136. guarantee, 137. discovery

138. We _____ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

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

139. 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

140. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

- n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

141. We use various precision _____ in the manufacturing process of machinery.

- n.* an instrument for measuring and displaying the amount, level, or contents of something; (verb) to judge tentatively or form an estimate of something

142. Good _____ is better than a good face.

- n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

143. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

- n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

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

- adj.* indispensable; fundamental

ANSWERS: 138. delayed, 139. mystery, 140. punishment, 141. gauges, 142. fame, 143. judge, 144. essential

145. We should _____ the troops at the front line.

- v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

146. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

- n.* a condition or state that causes problems

147. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

- adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

148. The castle was _____ several years later.

- v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

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

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

150. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.

- v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

151. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.

- adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

152. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.

- v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way

ANSWERS: 145. reinforce, 146. difficulty, 147. complicated, 148. abandoned, 149. perspective, 150. collaborate, 151. hopeless, 152. deemed

153. The company's rules _____ the employee's working hours.

- v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

154. The _____ voice was so beautiful that it brought the audience to tears.

- n.* the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet

155. The store always tries to _____ its competitors to attract more customers.

- v.* to sell something at a lower price than it is worth or than someone else is selling it for; to downplay or diminish the value or importance of something to make it appear less impressive or desirable

156. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.

- v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area

157. He _____ the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.

- v.* to assign too low a value to something

158. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

159. The priest prayed over the _____ before it was lowered into the ground.

- n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

160. The _____ café had a charming atmosphere.

- adj.* of or from Paris, France; characteristic of Paris or its inhabitants

ANSWERS: 153. bind, 154. soprano's, 155. undersell, 156. extend, 157. undervalued, 158. consequences, 159. coffin, 160. Parisian

161. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
162. Smoking significantly increases the risk of _____ cancer.
n. an organ in the top of the throat involved in breathing, producing sound
163. The movie was about the life of a famous _____ in 18th-century France.
n. a woman who is kept or supported in exchange for sexual services or companionship; a high-class prostitute or mistress
164. Our body transfers information along each _____ using an electrical impulse.
n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
165. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
166. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
167. Autistic children may engage in _____ behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.
n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
168. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 161. medical, 162. larynx, 163. courtesan, 164. neuron, 165. survive, 166. digital, 167. stimming, 168. develop

169. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

170. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

171. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

172. Water was beginning to _____ into the basement after the heavy rain.

v. to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

173. Dopamine is released into the nucleus _____.

n. (nucleus accumbens) an area of the brain located in the basal forebrain that has a significant role in the cognitive processing of motivation, aversion, reward

174. He is known for creating _____ paintings.

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

175. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

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

ANSWERS: 169. specific, 170. extracting, 171. frame, 172. trickle, 173. accumbens, 174. genre-busting, 175. communicate

176. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

177. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

178. Individuals with a weak _____ may experience difficulty breathing during physical activity.

n. a large, dome-shaped muscle located at the bottom of the chest cavity, essential for breathing and separating the chest and abdomen; a shallow, dome-shaped device with a flexible rim that is inserted into the vagina to cover the cervix and prevent sperm from reaching the uterus, serving as a method of birth control

179. The children _____ their stuffed animals and gave them personalities.

v. to attribute human characteristics, emotions, and abilities to non-human entities

180. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

181. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of _____ reform.

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

182. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

183. The experienced _____ monitored the patient's vital signs throughout the procedure.

n. a medical doctor who specializes in administering anesthesia to help control pain and monitor the vital signs of patients during procedures and surgeries

ANSWERS: 176. outcome, 177. demonstrate, 178. diaphragm, 179. anthropomorphized, 180. singed, 181. chaotic, 182. chemical, 183. anesthesiologist

184. The athlete visited the _____ surgeon to have her injured knee examined and treated.

adj. relating to the branch of medicine concerned with the correction or prevention of deformities, disorders, or injuries of the skeletal system and associated muscles, joints, and ligaments

185. It is important to place the _____ in the correct position for accurate electro-cardiogram recording.

n. either of two points or ends of a conductor at which electricity enters or leaves an object, substance, or region

186. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it;
(noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

187. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 184. orthopedic, 185. electrodes, 186. screw, 187. vast