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Session 1: Word List

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

creationist

n. a person who believes in the literal interpretation of religious texts, particularly the Bible, and holds that the universe and living things were created by a divine or supernatural force rather than through natural processes

(1) **creationist** claim, (2) **creationist** theory

The old-earth **creationist** believed God created the universe and all life on earth.

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.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things
synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory
They study the **evolution** of the universe.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence
The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
synonym: breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth
The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

evolutionary

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
synonym: developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process
Evolutionary algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

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.

paleoanthropology

n. the branch of anthropology concerned with the study of human evolution and development through fossilized remains, genetics, and other methods

synonym : prehistoric anthropology, paleontology

(1) **paleoanthropology** expedition, (2) **paleoanthropology** museum

The study of **paleoanthropology** involves analyzing fossil remains to understand the evolution of humans.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

explorer

n. a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there

synonym : adventurer, trailblazer, scout

(1) team of **explorers**, (2) a polar **explorer**

Aboriginal people killed the **explorer** who entered the sacred land for them.

fossil

n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

synonym : relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf

It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

hunt

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

synonym: chase, pursuit, quest

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

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

cave

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

synonym: cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**

Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

unstable

adj. lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions

synonym: shaky, unbalanced, inconsistent

(1) mentally **unstable**, (2) **unstable** weather

The tower proved to be **unstable** in the high wind.

hostile

adj. unfriendly or aggressively opposed

synonym: unfriendly, aggressive, antagonistic

(1) take up a **hostile** attitude, (2) **hostile** environment

The **hostile** takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

dispute

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

synonym: argument, disagreement, quarrel

(1) a legal **dispute** over the title, (2) **dispute** settlement

The **dispute** over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym: domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

pickup

n. a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody

synonym: truck, cartridge

(1) **pickup** truck, (2) **pickup** and delivery service

I'll be waiting for you in front of the café at 6 PM, so be on time for our **pickup**.

adrenaline

n. a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger

synonym: epinephrine

(1) **adrenaline** receptor, (2) **adrenaline** addiction

The band has released a lot of **adrenaline-pumping** rock music.

junk

n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

synonym: trash, debris, waste

(1) **junk** mail, (2) hunk of **junk**

I need to clear out some of the **junk** in my garage.

frontline

adj. in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy

synonym: battlefield, cutting edge

(1) **frontline** health workers, (2) at the **frontline** of the war

Within days, the new aircraft was in **frontline** service.

politically

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love

Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

zone

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

synonym: area, region, territory

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

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

threat

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

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

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

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

warn

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

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

limb

n. an arm and leg of a person or animal

synonym: arm, appendage, branch

(1) a prosthetic **limb**, (2) **limb** amputation

You should wrap the bandage carefully and firmly around the injured **limb**.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe

and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym : disaster, adversity, calamity

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

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**
The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me
The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

undergraduate

n. a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution

synonym : college student, freshman

(1) engineering **undergraduate**, (2) **undergraduate** course
The class was composed of both **undergraduate** and graduate students.

homosexual

adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

synonym : gay, same-sex attracted

(1) **homosexual** rights, (2) **homosexual** marriage
The law was repealed to protect the rights of **homosexual** citizens.

sapiens

n. the species of modern humans, Homo sapiens

synonym : human, Homo sapiens, humankind

(1) fossil Homo **sapiens**, (2) **sapiens** evolution

Homo **sapiens** is the scientific name for modern humans.

accent

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

synonym : articulation, inflection, pronunciation

(1) a foreign **accent**, (2) put the **accent** on comfort

She has a thick southern **accent**.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym : legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

irritate

v. to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

synonym : annoy, vex, bother

(1) **irritate** skin, (2) **irritate** my partner

The sound of his chewing loudly **irritates** me during dinner.

feat

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

synonym : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

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

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

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

stretch

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

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

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

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

akin

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin

synonym: similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

virgin

n. a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

synonym: virtuous, vestal, beginner

(1) **virgin** material, (2) enter **virgin** territory

Within a few years, no **virgin** forests will remain.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

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**.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym: educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

instability

n. the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly

synonym: imbalance, fluctuation, unstableness

(1) political **instability**, (2) **instability** in currency markets

Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional **instability**.

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.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym: stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

preservation

n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

synonym: conserving, protection, conservancy

(1) wildlife **preservation**, (2) the **preservation** of food
The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable **preservation**.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym: missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

no-fly

n. a situation in which planes are not allowed to take off or land at a particular airport or in particular airspace; a list of individuals who are prohibited from flying due to security concerns

synonym: restricted zone, no-flight zone, denylist

(1) **no-fly** area, (2) **no-fly** list

The airport implemented a **no-fly** zone during the presidential visit.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after

considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

detest

v. to feel intense hatred or aversion towards someone or something; to dislike or despise greatly

synonym : hate, loathe, despise

(1) **detest** violence, (2) **detest** being late

I **detest** the way people are quick to judge others without knowing their side of the story.

humanitarian

adj. something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare

synonym : philanthropic, compassionate, caring

(1) **humanitarian** crisis, (2) a truly **humanitarian** act

The organization is dedicated to providing **humanitarian** aid to disaster-stricken areas worldwide.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym : hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym : artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym : merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

collaboration

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

synonym : affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

desperate

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

synonym : anguish, frantic, hopeless

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

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

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

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

proximity

n. the state or quality of being near or close to something or someone in distance or time

synonym: nearness, closeness, vicinity

(1) **proximity** sensor,, (2) geographical **proximity**

The **proximity** of the two cities makes it easy to travel between them.

biodiversity

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

(1) **biodiversity** conservation, (2) loss of **biodiversity**

The country was instrumental in promoting the **biodiversity** treaty.

incredibly

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

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

environment

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

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym: daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

multidisciplinary

adj. integrating or involving various academic fields or different skills in a topic or problem-solving approach

synonym: integrative, interdisciplinary

(1) **multidisciplinary** project, (2) **multidisciplinary** analysis

He adopted a **multidisciplinary** research approach to unravel complex phenomena.

archipelago

n. a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region

synonym: group of islands, island chain

(1) tropical **archipelago**, (2) volcanic **archipelago**

The Philippines is an **archipelago** made up of over 7,000 islands.

camel

n. a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions

(1) **camel** hair, (2) ride a **camel**

A **camel** has a hump on its back.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research
Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

attempt

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

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

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

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

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym: urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

reconnaissance

n. a preliminary survey or exploration of an area, usually done to gather information or intelligence; a military mission to observe an enemy's activities and gather information

synonym: exploration, survey, examination

(1) aerial **reconnaissance**, (2) do **reconnaissance** work

The **reconnaissance** mission revealed the enemy's position.

scout

n. a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

synonym: scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor

(1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop

The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

expedition

n. a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

synonym : journey, trip, voyage

(1) **expedition** team, (2) a polar **expedition**

The **expedition** to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.

stalk

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym : follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

doable

adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

synonym : realizable, accomplishable, achievable

(1) make a **doable** plan, (2) **doable** in daily life

This project is **doable** despite the tight schedule.

deputy

n. a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another

synonym : aide, assistant, appointee

(1) a **deputy** governor, (2) **deputy** attorney general

She left the decision to her **deputy**

governor

n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

synonym : administrator, executive, leader

(1) **governor** general, (2) a prefectural **governor**

The state **governor** visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

cement

v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

synonym : adhesive, glue

(1) **cement** a close relationship, (2) **cement** blend

They are eager to **cement** a positive reputation.

cargo

n. the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles

synonym : shipment, freight, burden

(1) plenty of **cargo** space, (2) unload the **cargo**

During the war, many **cargo** ships were converted into battleships.

pirate

n. (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea

synonym : buccaneer, corsair, privateer

(1) **pirate** treasure, (2) video **pirate**

The **pirate** captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.

toilet

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

synonym : bathroom, lavatory, washroom

(1) **toilet** paper, (2) **toilet** seat

She walked to the **toilet** to freshen up before the meeting.

dolphin

n. a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

synonym : porpoise, cetacean, marine mammal

(1) **dolphin** show, (2) **dolphin-watching** tour

The large group of **dolphins** swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

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.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym : actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

cockroach

n. a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

synonym : roach

(1) **cockroach** killer, (2) have a **cockroach** phobia

Cockroaches sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

infestation

n. the presence or invasion of a large number of harmful or undesirable pests, parasites, or microorganisms in a specific area or host

synonym : plague, invasion, swarm

(1) **infestation** with a parasite, (2) flea **infestation**

The hotel had an **infestation** of bed bugs, which required a professional exterminator.

intense

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

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

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

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

deck

n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

synonym : platform, veranda, patio

(1) **deck** chairs, (2) hands on **deck**

She sat on the ship's **deck**, watching the sunset over the ocean.

moan

v. to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something

synonym: groan, sigh, lament

(1) **moan** the current situation, (2) **moan** with pleasure

She **moaned** in pain as the doctor examined her injury.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

contend

v. to struggle to win or surmount something

synonym: compete, oppose, argue

(1) **contend** that tobacco is nonaddictive, (2) **contend** for a championship

Tobacco companies have long **contended** that their product is not addictive.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

all-out

adj. characterized by complete or maximum effort or intensity; lacking any restraint or reserve; done with great commitment or enthusiasm

synonym : full-scale, maximum, complete

(1) **all-out** war, (2) **all-out** commitment

He gave it his **all-out** effort in the race and won first place.

jungle

n. an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

synonym : wilderness, forest

(1) middle of the **jungle**, (2) **jungle** exploration

This village is still in a dense **jungle**.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym : fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

rocket

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

synonym : projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym : evidently, obviously, supposedly

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

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

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.

arbitrary

adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

synonym: autocratic, dictatorial, whimsical

(1) **arbitrary** size and shape, (2) the **arbitrary** rule of a dictator

He collected data to avoid **arbitrary** decisions.

adventure

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym: experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

hero

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

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

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

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

gung-ho

adj. extremely enthusiastic and eager, often to the point of being reckless or overenthusiastic; marked by an unwavering commitment to a cause or mission

synonym: enthusiastic, eager, zealous

(1) **gung-ho** attitude, (2) **gung-ho** spirit

The team was **gung-ho** about starting the new project and worked tirelessly to get it off the ground.

protocol

n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

synonym : procedure, system, method

(1) draft a **protocol**, (2) **protocol** breach

The company has a strict **protocol** for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

bark

n. the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals

synonym : skin, husk, crust

(1) trees with rough **bark**, (2) **bark** at the moon

He removed the **bark** from the tree.

unveil

v. to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

synonym : reveal, uncover, expose

(1) **unveil** a monument, (2) **unveil** a comprehensive plan

The company plans to **unveil** its new product at the trade show next week.

injury

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

synonym : wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

severely

adv. very badly or seriously

synonym : harshly, hardly, oppressively

(1) **severely** burned arm, (2) criticize him **severely**
Her company was **severely** affected by the bank's failure.

disabled

adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

synonym: handicapped, impaired, incapacitated

(1) a **disabled** veteran, (2) a learning- **disabled** child
She was **disabled** in a car accident.

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.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym: testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**
Proof is better than argument.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed
Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

narrative

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

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**
The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

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.

tangible

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

synonym: palpable, real, actual

(1) **tangible** assets, (2) produce **tangible** results

A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes **tangible**.

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym: helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

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.

pride

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

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

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

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

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something
synonym: root, source, ancestor

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

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

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities;
various

synonym: manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

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.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

- hell** *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
synonym : inferno, agony, misery
(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose
The battlefield became **hell** on earth.
- write-off** *n.* a cancellation or reduction of a debt or financial obligation; a loss or expense that can be deducted from one's taxable income; a dismissal or rejection of something as unimportant or unworthy of attention
synonym : cancellation, deduction
(1) asset **write-off**, (2) **write-off** debts
Due to the economic downturn, the bank had to process many loan **write-offs**.
- reptile** *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
synonym : lizard, serpent, snake
(1) **reptile** exhibition, (2) fossil **reptile**
Alligators are a type of **reptile** that live in swamps and rivers.
- nowhere** *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**
I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.
- dragon** *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
synonym : wyvern, serpent, drake
(1) **dragon** fruit, (2) **dragon** wing
In Chinese mythology, **dragons** are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.
- resin** *n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a

material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance

synonym: sap, gum, pitch

(1) tree **resin**, (2) synthetic **resin**

The guitar was coated with a **resin** layer to protect the wood and enhance the tone.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. sc__t troop *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
2. to___t paper *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
3. political ins_____ty *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
4. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
5. co_____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
6. un___l a monument *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
7. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
8. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
9. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 1. scout, 2. toilet, 3. instability, 4. hunt, 5. conduct, 6. unveil, 7. deserve, 8. dawn, 9. hell

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| 10. chaotic env_____nt | <i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 11. team of ex_____ers | <i>n.</i> a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there |
| 12. de___e a question | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 13. effects of cl_____e change | <i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period |
| 14. a di_____ed veteran | <i>adj.</i> having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do |
| 15. hom_____al rights | <i>adj.</i> sexually attracted to people of one's own sex |
| 16. evolutionary bi_____y | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things |
| 17. increase sl_____ly | <i>adv.</i> in a small degree or extent; a little |
| 18. dis_____ue party | <i>n.</i> a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance |
| 19. the evo_____ary process | <i>adj.</i> relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms |
| 20. hum_____de climate change | <i>adj.</i> created or produced by humans; artificial |
| 21. deputy pr___e minister | <i>adj.</i> main or most important; basic |
| 22. em_____r my life | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |

ANSWERS: 10. environment, 11. explorer, 12. decide, 13. climate, 14. disabled, 15. homosexual, 16. biology, 17. slightly, 18. discotheque, 19. evolutionary, 20. human-made, 21. prime, 22. empower

23. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
24. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
25. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
26. historical he_____ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
27. st__k of celery *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
28. ar_____ry size and shape *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
29. mentally un_____le *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
30. a legal di_____e over the title *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
31. bio_____ity conservation *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

ANSWERS: 23. excite, 24. desperately, 25. nation, 26. heritage, 27. stalk, 28. arbitrary, 29. unstable, 30. dispute, 31. biodiversity

32. ju___e exploration *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
33. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
34. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
35. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
36. enter vi___n territory *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
37. mul_____ary analysis *adj.* integrating or involving various academic fields or different skills in a topic or problem-solving approach
38. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
39. a digital pl____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
40. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
41. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
42. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

ANSWERS: 32. jungle, 33. bomb, 34. possibility, 35. possibility, 36. virgin, 37. multidisciplinary, 38. ancestor, 39. platform, 40. bet, 41. incredibly, 42. geography

43. her de_____te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
44. pal_____ogy museum *n.* the branch of anthropology concerned with the study of human evolution and development through fossilized remains, genetics, and other methods
45. di_____e settlement *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
46. time z___e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
47. to es_____te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
48. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
49. ca__l hair *n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions
50. a de___y governor *n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another
51. produce ta_____le results *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
52. adr_____ne receptor *n.* a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger

ANSWERS: 43. desperate, 44. paleoanthropology, 45. dispute, 46. zone, 47. escalate, 48. evolution, 49. camel, 50. deputy, 51. tangible, 52. adrenaline

53. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
54. pal_____ogy expedition *n.* the branch of anthropology concerned with the study of human evolution and development through fossilized remains, genetics, and other methods
55. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
56. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
57. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
58. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
59. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
60. de_____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
61. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
62. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
63. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
64. m__n with pleasure *v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something

ANSWERS: 53. alien, 54. paleoanthropology, 55. fascinating, 56. intense, 57. attempt, 58. incredible, 59. collaborate, 60. declare, 61. aid, 62. ancestor, 63. collaboration, 64. moan

65. put the ac___t on comfort *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
66. synthetic re__n *n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance
67. de___t violence *v.* to feel intense hatred or aversion towards someone or something; to dislike or despise greatly
68. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
69. ad_____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
70. resident al__ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
71. at the fr_____ne of the war *adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
72. 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: 65. accent, 66. resin, 67. detest, 68. locate, 69. adventure, 70. alien, 71. frontline, 72. argue

73. the pre_____ion of food *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
74. dr____n fruit *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
75. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
76. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
77. b__k at the moon *n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
78. 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
79. ta_____le assets *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
80. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
81. do____e in daily life *adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
82. wr_____ff debts *n.* a cancellation or reduction of a debt or financial obligation; a loss or expense that can be deducted from one's taxable income; a dismissal or rejection of something as unimportant or unworthy of attention

ANSWERS: 73. preservation, 74. dragon, 75. academic, 76. incredible, 77. bark, 78. discovery, 79. tangible, 80. constantly, 81. doable, 82. write-off

83. the aftermath of this tr____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
84. m__n the current situation *v.* to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something
85. a__n to the prior experiences *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
86. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
87. a prosthetic l__b *n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal
88. st__k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
89. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
90. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
91. ho_____e environment *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
92. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 83. tragedy, 84. moan, 85. akin, 86. storytelling, 87. limb, 88. stalk, 89. nowhere, 90. deem, 91. hostile, 92. hell

93. hom_____al marriage *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
94. ride a ca__l *n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions
95. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
96. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
97. cell and molecular bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
98. 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
99. middle of the ju___e *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
100. to___t seat *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
101. pi___p truck *n.* a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody
102. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
103. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

ANSWERS: 93. homosexual, 94. camel, 95. origin, 96. aid, 97. biology, 98. decide, 99. jungle, 100. toilet, 101. pickup, 102. collaboration, 103. bomb

104. achieve spe_____ar growth *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
105. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
106. al_____t war *adj.* characterized by complete or maximum effort or intensity; lacking any restraint or reserve; done with great commitment or enthusiasm
107. a foreign ac_____t *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
108. de_____t being late *v.* to feel intense hatred or aversion towards someone or something; to dislike or despise greatly
109. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
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. do_____n show *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
112. without in_____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

ANSWERS: 104. spectacular, 105. territory, 106. all-out, 107. accent, 108. detest, 109. entirely, 110. develop, 111. dolphin, 112. injury

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| 113. a cold cl_____e | <i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period |
| 114. a fo___l leaf | <i>n.</i> any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock |
| 115. re_____e exhibition | <i>n.</i> a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles |
| 116. co_____t a background check | <i>v.</i> to organize and carry out a particular activity |
| 117. burning of fo___l fuels | <i>n.</i> any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock |
| 118. loss of bio_____ity | <i>n.</i> the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment |
| 119. pi___e treasure | <i>n.</i> (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea |
| 120. em_____ss political enemy | <i>v.</i> to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed |
| 121. fa___e relief | <i>n.</i> a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons |
| 122. video pi___e | <i>n.</i> (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea |
| 123. crack of d___n | <i>n.</i> the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky |
| 124. j__k mail | <i>n.</i> discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition |

ANSWERS: 113. climate, 114. fossil, 115. reptile, 116. conduct, 117. fossil, 118. biodiversity, 119. pirate, 120. embarrass, 121. famine, 122. pirate, 123. dawn, 124. junk

125. st____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
126. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
127. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
128. st____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
129. es____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
130. un___l a comprehensive plan *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
131. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
132. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
133. become pol_____ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
134. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
135. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

ANSWERS: 125. straight, 126. adopt, 127. adopt, 128. stretch, 129. escalate, 130. unveil, 131. famine, 132. narrative, 133. politically, 134. desperately, 135. attach

136. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
137. boy sc__t *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
138. hum_____ian crisis *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
139. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
140. spe_____ar view *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
141. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
142. trees with rough b__k *n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
143. sa_____s evolution *n.* the species of modern humans, Homo sapiens
144. di_____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
145. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
146. do_____n-watching tour *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

ANSWERS: 136. discotheque, 137. scout, 138. humanitarian, 139. evolution, 140. spectacular, 141. diverse, 142. bark, 143. sapiens, 144. diverse, 145. crisis, 146. dolphin

147. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
148. a learning-di_____ed child *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
149. de_____p a skill *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
150. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
151. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
152. ins_____ty in currency markets *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
153. d__k chairs *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
154. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
155. gu_____o spirit *adj.* extremely enthusiastic and eager, often to the point of being reckless or overenthusiastic; marked by an unwavering commitment to a cause or mission
156. draft a pr_____ol *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

ANSWERS: 147. proof, 148. disabled, 149. develop, 150. anthropology, 151. apparently, 152. instability, 153. deck, 154. entirely, 155. gung-ho, 156. protocol

157. environmental th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
158. ir_____te skin *v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore
159. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
160. inf_____on with a parasite *n.* the presence or invasion of a large number of harmful or undesirable pests, parasites, or microorganisms in a specific area or host
161. ecology and evo_____ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
162. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
163. gu_____o attitude *adj.* extremely enthusiastic and eager, often to the point of being reckless or overenthusiastic; marked by an unwavering commitment to a cause or mission
164. no___y area *n.* a situation in which planes are not allowed to take off or land at a particular airport or in particular airspace; a list of individuals who are prohibited from flying due to security concerns

ANSWERS: 157. threat, 158. irritate, 159. pride, 160. infestation, 161. evolutionary, 162. pride, 163. gung-ho, 164. no-fly

165. racial or ___n	<i>n.</i> the first existence or beginning of something
166. plenty of ca__o space	<i>n.</i> the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
167. a st____ht line	<i>adj.</i> extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
168. a prefectural go____or	<i>n.</i> the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
169. a scientific di____ry	<i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
170. w__ned me of the plan	<i>v.</i> to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
171. at___h firmly	<i>v.</i> to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
172. ro___t fuel	<i>n.</i> a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
173. make a do___e plan	<i>adj.</i> possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
174. al____t commitment	<i>adj.</i> characterized by complete or maximum effort or intensity; lacking any restraint or reserve; done with great commitment or enthusiasm
175. adr____ne addiction	<i>n.</i> a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger

ANSWERS: 165. origin, 166. cargo, 167. straight, 168. governor, 169. discovery, 170. warn, 171. attach, 172. rocket, 173. doable, 174. all-out, 175. adrenaline

176. volcanic arc _____go *n.* a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
177. mul _____ary project *adj.* integrating or involving various academic fields or different skills in a topic or problem-solving approach
178. a truly hum _____ian act *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
179. su _____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
180. de _____y attorney general *n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another
181. social ant _____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
182. z _____e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
183. col _____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
184. pl _____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
185. ac _____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

ANSWERS: 176. archipelago, 177. multidisciplinary, 178. humanitarian, 179. survive, 180. deputy, 181. anthropology, 182. zone, 183. collaborate, 184. planet, 185. academic

186. ir_____te my partner *v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore
187. flea inf _____on *n.* the presence or invasion of a large number of harmful or undesirable pests, parasites, or microorganisms in a specific area or host
188. ce___t a close relationship *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
189. take up a ho_____e attitude *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
190. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
191. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
192. engineering und _____ate *n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
193. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
194. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
195. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
196. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 186. irritate, 187. infestation, 188. cement, 189. hostile, 190. locate, 191. environment, 192. undergraduate, 193. storytelling, 194. amazing, 195. incredibly, 196. feat

197. a reckless at____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
198. em____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
199. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic
200. co____d for a championship *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
201. hands on d__k *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
202. gastronomic ad____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
203. 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
204. em____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
205. fossil re____e *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
206. wildlife pre____ion *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
207. have a co____ch phobia *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
208. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 197. attempt, 198. empower, 199. prime, 200. contend, 201. deck, 202. adventure, 203. argue, 204. embarrass, 205. reptile, 206. preservation, 207. cockroach, 208. crisis

209. st____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
210. co____d that tobacco is nonaddictive *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
211. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
212. a selfish de____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
213. do rec_____nce work *n.* a preliminary survey or exploration of an area, usually done to gather information or intelligence; a military mission to observe an enemy's activities and gather information
214. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
215. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
216. un____le weather *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
217. de____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

ANSWERS: 209. stretch, 210. contend, 211. constantly, 212. decision, 213. reconnaissance, 214. decision, 215. bet, 216. unstable, 217. desperate

218. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
219. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
220. und_____ate course *n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
221. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
222. domiciliary c____es *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
223. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
224. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
225. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
226. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
227. ce____t blend *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

ANSWERS: 218. conflict, 219. platform, 220. undergraduate, 221. tragedy, 222. cave, 223. survive, 224. feat, 225. territory, 226. amazing, 227. cement

228. ex_____ng news	<i>adj.</i> causing a lot of interest or excitement
229. ex___e the crowd	<i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
230. asset wr_____ff	<i>n.</i> a cancellation or reduction of a debt or financial obligation; a loss or expense that can be deducted from one's taxable income; a dismissal or rejection of something as unimportant or unworthy of attention
231. l__b amputation	<i>n.</i> an arm and leg of a person or animal
232. show ge_____e regret	<i>adj.</i> real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
233. go_____or general	<i>n.</i> the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
234. def_____ly become a problem	<i>adv.</i> without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
235. a__n to anger	<i>adj.</i> similar or related in nature, character, or origin
236. unload the ca__o	<i>n.</i> the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
237. ro___t attack against the enemy	<i>n.</i> a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
238. fr_____ne health workers	<i>adj.</i> in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
239. pr_____ty sensor,	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being near or close to something or someone in distance or time

ANSWERS: 228. exciting, 229. excite, 230. write-off, 231. limb, 232. genuine, 233. governor, 234. definitely, 235. akin, 236. cargo, 237. rocket, 238. frontline, 239. proximity

240. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
241. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
242. tree re__n *n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance
243. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
244. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
245. pol_____ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
246. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
247. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
248. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
249. vi___n material *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

ANSWERS: 240. planet, 241. deserve, 242. resin, 243. nation, 244. proof, 245. politically, 246. definitely, 247. warn, 248. hunt, 249. virgin

250. exp_____on team *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
251. he_____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
252. fossil Homo sa_____s *n.* the species of modern humans, Homo sapiens
253. a fatal in_____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
254. geographical pr_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being near or close to something or someone in distance or time
255. pr_____ol breach *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
256. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
257. a polar exp_____on *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
258. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
259. the worst hum_____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
260. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

ANSWERS: 250. expedition, 251. heritage, 252. sapiens, 253. injury, 254. proximity, 255. protocol, 256. slightly, 257. expedition, 258. hero, 259. human-made, 260. hero

261. the ar_____ry rule of a dictator *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
262. de_____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
263. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
264. pi____p and delivery service *n.* a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody
265. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
266. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
267. no____y list *n.* a situation in which planes are not allowed to take off or land at a particular airport or in particular airspace; a list of individuals who are prohibited from flying due to security concerns
268. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
269. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

ANSWERS: 261. arbitrary, 262. declare, 263. fascinating, 264. pickup, 265. deem, 266. threat, 267. no-fly, 268. highlight, 269. geography

270. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
271. dr____n wing *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
272. the mouth of the c__e *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
273. cre____st theory *n.* a person who believes in the literal interpretation of religious texts, particularly the Bible, and holds that the universe and living things were created by a divine or supernatural force rather than through natural processes
274. personal na____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
275. a polar ex____er *n.* a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there
276. app____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
277. criticize him se____ly *adv.* very badly or seriously
278. co____ch killer *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
279. se____ly burned arm *adv.* very badly or seriously
280. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 270. destroy, 271. dragon, 272. cave, 273. creationist, 274. narrative, 275. explorer, 276. apparently, 277. severely, 278. cockroach, 279. severely, 280. destroy

281. ex____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
282. the longstanding co____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
283. hunk of j__k *n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
284. cre____st claim *n.* a person who believes in the literal interpretation of religious texts, particularly the Bible, and holds that the universe and living things were created by a divine or supernatural force rather than through natural processes
285. in____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
286. aerial rec____nce *n.* a preliminary survey or exploration of an area, usually done to gather information or intelligence; a military mission to observe an enemy's activities and gather information
287. hi____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
288. tropical arc____go *n.* a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
289. a ge____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
290. come out of no____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

ANSWERS: 281. exciting, 282. conflict, 283. junk, 284. creationist, 285. intense, 286. reconnaissance, 287. highlight, 288. archipelago, 289. genuine, 290. nowhere

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The guitar was coated with a _____ layer to protect the wood and enhance the tone.
n. a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance
2. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
3. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.
adj. extremely interesting
4. Homo _____ is the scientific name for modern humans.
n. the species of modern humans, Homo sapiens
5. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.
n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
6. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.
adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
7. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

ANSWERS: 1. resin, 2. attach, 3. fascinating, 4. sapiens, 5. rocket, 6. academic, 7. narrative

8. Her company was _____ affected by the bank's failure.

adv. very badly or seriously

9. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

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

10. This newspaper is supposed to be _____ neutral.

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

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

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

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

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

13. Within days, the new aircraft was in _____ service.

adj. in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy

14. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

15. They are eager to _____ a positive reputation.

v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

ANSWERS: 8. severely, 9. environment, 10. politically, 11. zone, 12. desperate, 13. frontline, 14. nation, 15. cement

16. The Philippines is an _____ made up of over 7,000 islands.
n. a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
17. He was sick for five _____ days.
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
18. The law was repealed to protect the rights of _____ citizens.
adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
19. The company plans to _____ its new product at the trade show next week.
v. to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
20. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
21. The state _____ visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.
n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
22. The hotel had an _____ of bed bugs, which required a professional exterminator.
n. the presence or invasion of a large number of harmful or undesirable pests, parasites, or microorganisms in a specific area or host
23. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 16. archipelago, 17. straight, 18. homosexual, 19. unveil, 20. platform, 21. governor, 22. infestation, 23. destroyed

24. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
25. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
26. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
27. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
v. to organize and carry out a particular activity
28. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
29. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.
n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
30. The _____ to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.
n. a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
31. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 24. famine, 25. decision, 26. bombs, 27. conduct, 28. adopted, 29. tragedy, 30. expedition, 31. crisis

32. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
- v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
33. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.
- n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
34. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.
- adv.* based on what you have heard or read
35. 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
36. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
37. Within a few years, no _____ forests will remain.
- n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
38. The band has released a lot of _____ rock music.
- n.* a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger
39. Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional _____.
- n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly

ANSWERS: 32. highlighted, 33. heritage, 34. apparently, 35. develop, 36. exciting, 37. virgin, 38. adrenaline-pumping, 39. instability

40. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

41. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

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

42. The class was composed of both _____ and graduate students.

n. a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution

43. Tobacco companies have long _____ that their product is not addictive.

v. to struggle to win or surmount something

44. The team was _____ about starting the new project and worked tirelessly to get it off the ground.

adj. extremely enthusiastic and eager, often to the point of being reckless or overenthusiastic; marked by an unwavering commitment to a cause or mission

45. The third _____ was far more successful.

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

46. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

47. _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

48. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 40. slightly, 41. survive, 42. undergraduate, 43. contended, 44. gung-ho, 45. attempt, 46. locate, 47. Evolutionary, 48. empowered

49. She was _____ in a car accident.

adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

50. I need to clear out some of the _____ in my garage.

n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

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

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

52. The battlefield became _____ on earth.

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

53. She walked to the _____ to freshen up before the meeting.

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

54. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

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

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

56. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

ANSWERS: 49. disabled, 50. junk, 51. hunt, 52. hell, 53. toilet, 54. spectacular, 55. deemed, 56. origin

57. The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable _____.
- n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
58. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
59. _____ is better than argument.
- n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
60. The _____ captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.
- n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
61. He removed the _____ from the tree.
- n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
62. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
63. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
64. 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
65. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 57. preservation, 58. planet, 59. Proof, 60. pirate, 61. bark, 62. amazing, 63. threat, 64. biology, 65. incredibly

66. This project is _____ despite the tight schedule.

adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

67. The baby clung _____ to her mother.

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

68. Alligators are a type of _____ that live in swamps and rivers.

n. a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles

69. In Chinese mythology, _____ are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

70. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

71. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

72. Aboriginal people killed the _____ who entered the sacred land for them.

n. a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there

73. She did well on her _____ exam.

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

ANSWERS: 66. doable, 67. desperately, 68. reptile, 69. dragons, 70. Alien, 71. incredible, 72. explorer, 73. geography

74. Due to the economic downturn, the bank had to process many loan _____.

- n.* a cancellation or reduction of a debt or financial obligation; a loss or expense that can be deducted from one's taxable income; a dismissal or rejection of something as unimportant or unworthy of attention

75. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

- adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

76. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.

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

77. The sound of his chewing loudly _____ me during dinner.

- v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

78. She has a thick southern _____.

- n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

79. Bats reside in sheltered _____.

- n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

80. The bridge is a _____ structure and was built to span the river.

- adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial

81. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.

- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 74. write-offs, 75. definitely, 76. hero, 77. irritates, 78. accent, 79. caves, 80. human-made, 81. anthropology

82. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

83. This village is still in a dense _____.

n. an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

84. The company has a strict _____ for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

85. I ____ that you know it.

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

86. She left the decision to her _____.

n. a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another

87. The study of _____ involves analyzing fossil remains to understand the evolution of humans.

n. the branch of anthropology concerned with the study of human evolution and development through fossilized remains, genetics, and other methods

88. The company sent a _____ to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

n. a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

ANSWERS: 82. constantly, 83. jungle, 84. protocol, 85. bet, 86. deputy, 87. paleoanthropology, 88. scout

89. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
90. 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
91. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
92. A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes _____.
adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
93. It was the _____ of a dinosaur tooth.
n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
94. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.
n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
95. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.
adj. main or most important; basic
96. They study the _____ of the universe.
n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

ANSWERS: 89. conflicts, 90. argue, 91. Climate, 92. tangible, 93. fossil, 94. collaboration, 95. prime, 96. evolution

97. I'll be waiting for you in front of the café at 6 PM, so be on time for our _____.
- n.* a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody
98. A _____ has a hump on its back.
- n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions
99. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
- v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
100. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
101. The hunter quietly _____ the deer for hours before taking the shot
- v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
102. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
- v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
103. The _____ takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.
- adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
104. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 97. pickup, 98. camel, 99. deserved, 100. warn, 101. stalked, 102. stretch, 103. hostile, 104. excited

105. The _____ over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.
n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
106. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.
v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
107. I _____ the way people are quick to judge others without knowing their side of the story.
v. to feel intense hatred or aversion towards someone or something; to dislike or despise greatly
108. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
109. The large group of _____ swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.
n. a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
110. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.
v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
111. He couldn't wait to hit the _____ and dance the night away.
n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
112. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 105. dispute, 106. escalated, 107. detest, 108. embarrass, 109. dolphins, 110. declared, 111. discotheque, 112. possibility

113. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

114. The _____ of the two cities makes it easy to travel between them.

n. the state or quality of being near or close to something or someone in distance or time

115. 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

116. He adopted a _____ research approach to unravel complex phenomena.

adj. integrating or involving various academic fields or different skills in a topic or problem-solving approach

117. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

118. My accidental _____ got better right away.

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

119. The tower proved to be _____ in the high wind.

adj. lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions

120. The airport implemented a _____ zone during the presidential visit.

n. a situation in which planes are not allowed to take off or land at a particular airport or in particular airspace; a list of individuals who are prohibited from flying due to security concerns

ANSWERS: 113. entirely, 114. proximity, 115. discovery, 116. multidisciplinary, 117. territory, 118. injury, 119. unstable, 120. no-fly

121. 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

122. The _____ mission revealed the enemy's position.

n. a preliminary survey or exploration of an area, usually done to gather information or intelligence; a military mission to observe an enemy's activities and gather information

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

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

124. _____ sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

n. a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

125. The country was instrumental in promoting the _____ treaty.

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

126. Is this painting _____ or forged?

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

127. During the war, many _____ ships were converted into battleships.

n. the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles

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

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

ANSWERS: 121. decide, 122. reconnaissance, 123. intense, 124. Cockroaches, 125. biodiversity, 126. genuine, 127. cargo, 128. feat

129. The organization is dedicated to providing _____ aid to disaster-stricken areas worldwide.

adj. something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare

130. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

131. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

132. Her interests are _____ to mine.

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin

133. You should wrap the bandage carefully and firmly around the injured _____.

n. an arm and leg of a person or animal

134. He collected data to avoid _____ decisions.

adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

135. He gave it his _____ effort in the race and won first place.

adj. characterized by complete or maximum effort or intensity; lacking any restraint or reserve; done with great commitment or enthusiasm

136. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

137. The old-earth _____ believed God created the universe and all life on earth.

n. a person who believes in the literal interpretation of religious texts, particularly the Bible, and holds that the universe and living things were created by a divine or supernatural force rather than through natural processes

ANSWERS: 129. humanitarian, 130. adventures, 131. nowhere, 132. akin, 133. limb, 134. arbitrary, 135. all-out, 136. ancestor, 137. creationist

138. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

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

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

140. She _____ in pain as the doctor examined her injury.

v. to make a low, prolonged sound of pain, grief, or sexual pleasure; to complain about something

141. She sat on the ship's _____ watching the sunset over the ocean.

n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

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

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

143. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

144. Pakistan's _____ budget was still being reviewed.

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

145. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

ANSWERS: 138. dawn, 139. collaborate, 140. moaned, 141. deck, 142. pride, 143. storytelling, 144. aid, 145. diverse