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Session 1: Word List

unlock

v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

synonym: open, solve, unravel

(1) **unlock** a door with a key, (2) **unlock** value

The customs officer required the traveler to **unlock** his suitcase.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

skate

n. a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

synonym: blade, runner, sled

(1) **skate** park, (2) roller **skate**

She has been practicing an ice **skate** routine for months

beaver

n. a large, semiaquatic rodent with a wide, flat tail and webbed feet, noted for its ability to build dams and lodges

synonym: rodent

(1) **beaver** dam, (2) an eager **beaver**

The mountain **beaver** built a dam to block the stream.

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym: disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

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

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

typical

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

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

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

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

mystery

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

of a crime or a puzzle

synonym : enigma, puzzle, secret

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

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

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.

burning

adj. intense or scorching heat

synonym : scorching, blazing, smoldering

(1) **burning** desire, (2) **burning** passion

The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a **burning** inferno.

specific

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

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

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

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

nerd

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

synonym : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

masochist

n. someone who derives pleasure from their pain or suffering; one who enjoys being humiliated or degraded
(1) **masochist** tendencies, (2) **masochist** behavior
Some people are **masochists** who enjoy experiencing pain.

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.

grid

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
synonym: gridiron, battery grid, power system
(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**
Grid pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

sudoku

n. a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle that typically consists of a 9x9 grid divided into nine 3x3 sub-grids and requires the solver to fill in each empty square with a number from 1-9, with the constraint that no number can appear more than once in a row, column, or sub-grid
synonym: number puzzle, logic game, brain teaser
(1) the difficulty level of **sudoku**, (2) solve a **sudoku**
I enjoy solving **sudoku** puzzles in my free time.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
synonym: finally, someday, ultimately
(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym: decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

phrase

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

synonym: expression, idiom, term

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

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

consist

v. to be composed or made up of

synonym: lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

synonym: accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

deconstruct

v. to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

synonym: break down, interpret, assay

(1) **deconstruct** the existing system, (2) **deconstruct** his method

She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to **deconstruct** various categories of literature.

recognize

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

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

clue

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

synonym : hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

illuminate

v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

synonym : brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding

That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

communicate

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

synonym : convey, share, transmit

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

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

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

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym : guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym : conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of

abstract painting.

clarity

n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

synonym: clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

obtuse

adj. lacking in sharpness or quickness of mind; blunt or dull-witted; (of mathematics) an angle that measures greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees

synonym: dense, stupid, insensitive

(1) **obtuse** angle, (2) **obtuse** remarks

His **obtuse** reasoning made it difficult for me to understand his point of view.

elegant

adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

synonym: refined, sophisticated, graceful

(1) **elegant** design, (2) write **elegant** sentences

She wore an **elegant** evening gown to the gala.

solver

n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

synonym: thinker

(1) puzzle- **solver**, (2) linear **solver**

The flow **solver** is validated against the experiment.

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.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym : immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

synonym : chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition

It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

fulfill

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

synonym : satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

crossword

n. a word puzzle consisting of a grid of black and white squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues

(1) do a **crossword** puzzle, (2) good at **crossword** puzzles

He sat frowning over a **crossword** puzzle.

devious

adj. cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky

synonym : cunning, deceitful, tricky

(1) **devious** plot, (2) use **devious** methods

The **devious** plan to cheat on the test was foiled by the teacher.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

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.

perspective

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

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

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

novice

n. a person who is new to a particular activity or experience; a beginner or learner

synonym: beginner, freshman, apprentice

(1) chess **novice**, (2) **novice** lawyer

The **novice** coder had a difficult time debugging their program.

rally

v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

synonym: gathering, meetup, demonstration

(1) **rally** in front of the embassy, (2) the preliminary **rally**

There was a massive police presence at the anti-government **rally**.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

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.

tournament

n. a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners

synonym: competition, championship, contest

(1) **tournament** for professionals, (2) national **tournament**
The basketball **tournament** was fiercely competitive, with the top teams all vying for first place.

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

synonym: victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**
The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

particle

n. a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

synonym: atom, grain, bit

(1) charged **particle**, (2) **particle** energy
We can calculate the position of the **particles** statistically.

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**
Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

compose

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

synonym: compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts
The structure is **composed** of three main components.

apt

adj. having a natural talent, inclination, or tendency for a particular activity, skill, or trait; appropriate or fitting for a specific situation or purpose

synonym: capable, suitable, adept

(1) **apt** example, (2) **apt** wording
She has an **apt** sense of humor and always knows how to

make people laugh.

comparison

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

synonym: equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

enigma

n. a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution

synonym: mystery, puzzle, riddle

(1) mysterious **enigma**, (2) artistic **enigma**

The ancient text remains an **enigma**, challenging scholars to unravel its meaning.

cardboard

n. a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials

synonym: corrugated board, paperboard

(1) **cardboard** box, (2) **cardboard** cutout

I made a **cardboard** box to store my winter clothes in.

matrix

n. a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

synonym: grid, cast, table

(1) the **matrix** of Western civilization, (2) **matrix** multiplication

The **matrix** of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

wonderland

n. a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

synonym: fantasyland, dreamland, fairyland

(1) magical **wonderland**, (2) Alice's **wonderland**

The colorful garden was a **wonderland** of various plants and flowers.

literary

adj. relating to or characteristic of literature (= written or spoken works of artistic expression) or other related works, particularly in terms of style and content

synonym: written, authorial, erudite

(1) **literary** criticism, (2) **literary** figures

The **literary** community mourned the loss of the talented author.

inception

n. the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence

synonym: origin, beginning, start

(1) **inception** date, (2) lease **inception**

The idea for the company was formed at its **inception** and has since grown into a successful business.

hilarious

adj. extremely funny

synonym: funny, comical, amusing

(1) **hilarious** mistake, (2) a **hilarious** anecdote

The comedian's stand-up routine was **hilarious**.

whiteboard

n. a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased

(1) **whiteboard** marker, (2) **whiteboard** animation

Let's brainstorm ideas on the **whiteboard** for the new project.

intelligible

adj. capable of being understood or apprehended

synonym: apprehensible, understandable, comprehensible

(1) **intelligible** pronunciation, (2) **intelligible** to anyone

He gave me an **intelligible** answer.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

insight

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

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

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

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

stick

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

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

crack

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

synonym : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

endgame

n. the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition

synonym : outcome, finale, conclusion

(1) **endgame** strategies, (2) chess **endgame**

The athlete's **endgame** was to win an Olympic gold medal before retiring from the sport

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym : enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

runaround

n. a series of evasive or misleading answers or actions often used to evade responsibility or avoid giving a direct answer; a frustrating and time-consuming experience of being led from one place or person to another in search of information or assistance

synonym : excuse, evasion, avoidance

(1) **runaround** excuses, (2) get a bureaucratic **runaround**

My boss has been giving me the **runaround** about my promotion for months.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

anxiety

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

synonym : concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge
She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

anticipation

n. the action of expecting that something might happen in the future and perhaps doing something about it now

synonym : expectation, prediction, prospect

(1) **anticipation** of her arrival, (2) hazard **anticipation**
She waited in eager **anticipation** for his arrival.

exhilarate

v. to make someone feel very happy, animated, or excited; to fill with energy or a sense of euphoria

synonym : excite, stimulate, invigorate

(1) **exhilarate** the crowd, (2) **exhilarate** the audience
The sense of accomplishment from completing a challenging hike can **exhilarate** those who love the great outdoors

deprivation

n. a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

synonym : poverty, destitution, forfeiture

(1) chronic sleep **deprivation**, (2) **deprivation** of liberty
Losing him is great **deprivation** to our team.

alchemy

n. a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious

synonym : sorcery, magic, transmutation

(1) **alchemy** experiment, (2) **alchemy** of emotions
Today, the study of **alchemy** remains an important part of the history of science and philosophy

sculpture

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

synonym : statuary, carving, modeling

(1) create **sculpture**, (2) abstract **sculpture**

The ancient Greek **sculptures** are known for their realism and attention to detail.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym : edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

punishment

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

synonym : penalty, discipline, retribution

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

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

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.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

mentor

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

synonym: adviser, coach, tutor

(1) **mentor** for life, (2) fashion **mentor**

As a **mentor**, he helped me realize my career.

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.

trail

n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

synonym: footpath, track, course

(1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**

The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.

crumb

n. a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something

synonym: fragment, particle, bit

(1) **crumb** of information, (2) bread **crumb**

My dog found a **crumb** on the floor and quickly ate it.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

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

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

matte

adj. having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

synonym: dull, flat, lusterless

(1) **matte** coating, (2) photo with a **matte** finish

The body of his car has a **matte** finish.

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**.

settler

n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

synonym: frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore

A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

compete

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

synonym: contend, contest, vie

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

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

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

dice

n. a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games

synonym: cube, die

(1) **dice** game, (2) playing **dice**

He rolled the **dice**, hoping for a lucky outcome.

extract

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

synonym: excerpt, quote, distillation

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

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

complicated

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

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

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

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

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something

synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

inspiring

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

synonym: exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe- **inspiring** sight

An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym: redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

torrent

n. a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud
synonym : flood, deluge, downpour

(1) **torrent** of words, (2) stem a **torrent**

The rain fell in a **torrent**, flooding the streets in minutes.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

waggle

v. to move or swing back and forth or from side to side in a playful or teasing manner; to move unsteadily or irregularly

synonym : wiggle, sway, joggle

(1) **waggle** my backside, (2) **waggle** fingers

The bird would **waggle** its tail feathers excitedly when it saw its favorite food.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

coincidence

n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

synonym : co-occurrence, concurrency, accident

(1) the **coincidence** of an opinion, (2) by a strange **coincidence**

It was a pure **coincidence** that we met her in the library.

constellation

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

synonym : asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

keyboard

n. device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work

synonym: console, piano

(1) numeric **keyboard**, (2) **keyboard** instruments

Please strike the "enter" on the **keyboard**.

celestial

adj. relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens

synonym: heavenly, divine, ethereal

(1) **celestial** bliss, (2) **celestial** navigation

The **celestial** bodies in the night sky were beautiful to behold.

cosmos

n. another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

synonym: universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

multitude

n. a large number of things or people

synonym: mass, assembly, hive

(1) great **multitude**, (2) from a **multitude** of sources

This company is faced with a **multitude** of problems.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym:

ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

tune

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

synonym: melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

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

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

mock

v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

synonym: gibe (or jibe), make fun of, laugh at

(1) **mock** his accent, (2) **mock** at his misfortune

It is impolite to **mock** fun of an international student's English mistakes.

cluck

v. to make the sound that a hen makes; to express disapproval or scorn by making a clicking noise with the tongue and teeth

synonym: clack, chirp, click

(1) **cluck** disapprovingly, (2) **clucked** in disbelief

The mother hen would **cluck** loudly to gather her chicks around her.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

clip *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
synonym : buckle, hook, pin
(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**
He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

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

cutaway *n.* a section removed from an object or structure to show the internal workings or details; a break in a film or television show to insert footage of a different scene or film
synonym : section, cutout, excerpt
(1) **cutaway** collar, (2) **cutaway** view
The fashion designer included a **cutaway** section on the dress to show off the intricate details.

panel *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
synonym : board, commission, discussion
(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**
A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

reminiscent *adj.* making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests
synonym : evocative, remindful, redolent

(1) **reminiscent** of ancient times, (2) **reminiscent** smile
His painting style is **reminiscent** of Monet's

judge

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

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

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

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

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

recreation

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

synonym: amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland

Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

improvisation

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

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

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

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

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym : engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

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.

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

synonym : clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

satisfaction

n. a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

synonym: delight, pleasure, content

(1) a sense of **satisfaction**, (2) customer **satisfaction**

The mediated settlement brought **satisfaction** to both sides.

perplexing

adj. causing confusion or uncertainty; difficult to understand or explain; puzzling or mystifying

synonym: puzzling, confusing, baffling

(1) **perplexing** situation, (2) **perplexing** problem

The novel's ambiguous ending left readers with a **perplexing** message.

exhaustion

n. the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength

synonym: fatigue, weariness, tiredness

(1) **exhaustion** of energy, (2) emotional **exhaustion**

The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental **exhaustion**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re____e problem
v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
2. ma____n error
n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
3. whi____rd animation
n. a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased
4. br____nt idea
adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
5. wa____e fingers
v. to move or swing back and forth or from side to side in a playful or teasing manner; to move unsteadily or irregularly
6. magical won____nd
n. a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
7. some une____ed events
adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
8. cl__m responsibility
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 1. reframe, 2. margin, 3. whiteboard, 4. brilliant, 5. waggle, 6. wonderland, 7. unexpected, 8. claim

9. cr__b of information *n.* a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something
10. diagnosis of an____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
11. ma__e coating *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
12. en____e strategies *n.* the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition
13. ce____al bliss *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
14. lease in____on *n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence
15. 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
16. a ch____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
17. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
18. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 9. crumb, 10. anxiety, 11. matte, 12. endgame, 13. celestial, 14. inception, 15. junk, 16. champion, 17. shift, 18. involve

19. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
20. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
21. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
22. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
23. dep____on of liberty *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
24. get inc____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
25. a person of di____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
26. ce____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
27. new se____rs *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
28. co____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
29. outdoor rec____on *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

ANSWERS: 19. pile, 20. specific, 21. roll, 22. pile, 23. deprivation, 24. incredibly, 25. diverse, 26. celebrate, 27. settler, 28. compete, 29. recreation

30. fu____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
31. customer sat_____ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
32. use de_____s methods *adj.* cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky
33. a con_____ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
34. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
35. rec_____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
36. national tou_____nt *n.* a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners
37. be____r dam *n.* a large, semiaquatic rodent with a wide, flat tail and webbed feet, noted for its ability to build dams and lodges
38. ill_____te a dark hall *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
39. ce_____al navigation *adj.* relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens
40. t__e a piano *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

ANSWERS: 30. fulfill, 31. satisfaction, 32. devious, 33. convincing, 34. incredible, 35. reconstruct, 36. tournament, 37. beaver, 38. illuminate, 39. celestial, 40. tune

41. from a mu_____de of sources *n.* a large number of things or people
42. j__k mail *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
43. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
44. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
45. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
46. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
47. administrative co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
48. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
49. sake of cl_____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
50. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
51. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
52. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 41. multitude, 42. junk, 43. hunt, 44. brilliant, 45. mess, 46. unexpected, 47. confusion, 48. reconstruct, 49. clarity, 50. fortunate, 51. comparison, 52. remarkable

53. get in_____t access *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
54. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
55. ready-made ph____es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
56. lack of cl_____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
57. noun ph____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
58. a brief ex_____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
59. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
60. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
61. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
62. bu_____g desire *adj.* intense or scorching heat
63. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
64. the t__e of a song *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

ANSWERS: 53. instant, 54. terrify, 55. phrase, 56. clarity, 57. phrase, 58. extract, 59. appreciate, 60. compete, 61. communicate, 62. burning, 63. emphasize, 64. tune

65. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
66. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
67. a g__d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
68. ru_____nd excuses *n.* a series of evasive or misleading answers or actions often used to evade responsibility or avoid giving a direct answer; a frustrating and time-consuming experience of being led from one place or person to another in search of information or assistance
69. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
70. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
71. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
72. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

ANSWERS: 65. panel, 66. intellect, 67. grid, 68. runaround, 69. competition, 70. recognize, 71. mention, 72. confront

73. co_____ct a 3D image
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
74. per_____ng problem
adj. causing confusion or uncertainty; difficult to understand or explain; puzzling or mystifying
75. Doppler sh__t
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
76. sp_____ic instructions
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
77. he was en_____ly to blame
adv. completely
78. ant_____ion of her arrival
n. the action of expecting that something might happen in the future and perhaps doing something about it now
79. a cr__k in a board
v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
80. gastronomic ad_____res
n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
81. imp_____ion on stage
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
82. co_____t mainly of cells
v. to be composed or made up of
83. rem_____le achievement
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
84. un__k a door with a key
v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

ANSWERS: 73. construct, 74. perplexing, 75. shift, 76. specific, 77. entirely, 78. anticipation, 79. crack, 80. adventure, 81. improvisation, 82. consist, 83. remarkable, 84. unlock

85. de____s plot *adj.* cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky
86. rec_____on of the homeland *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
87. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
88. short video c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
89. the coi_____ce of an opinion *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
90. create sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
91. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
92. artistic en___a *n.* a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution

ANSWERS: 85. devious, 86. recreation, 87. intellect, 88. clip, 89. coincidence, 90. sculpture, 91. navigate, 92. enigma

93. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
94. al_____y experiment
n. a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious
95. con_____ng biochemical explanation
adj. able to make someone believe that something is true
96. a c__e about the crime
n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
97. maintain the pr_____ne condition
adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination
98. false cl__m
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
99. chess en_____e
n. the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition
100. a com_____ed process
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

ANSWERS: 93. communicate, 94. alchemy, 95. convincing, 96. clue, 97. pristine, 98. claim, 99. endgame, 100. complicated

101. a sense of sat_____ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
102. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
103. bread cr__b *n.* a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something
104. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
105. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
106. a hi_____us anecdote *adj.* extremely funny
107. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
108. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
109. numeric ke_____rd *n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
110. to_____t of words *n.* a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud

ANSWERS: 101. satisfaction, 102. insight, 103. crumb, 104. crack, 105. stick, 106. hilarious, 107. hunt, 108. terrify, 109. keyboard, 110. torrent

111. in_____on date *n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence
112. pun_____nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
113. photo with a ma__e finish *adj.* having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy
114. tie c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
115. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
116. theoretical ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
117. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
118. fashion me___r *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
119. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
120. an in_____t reply *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
121. co_____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

ANSWERS: 111. inception, 112. punishment, 113. matte, 114. clip, 115. judge, 116. physicist, 117. edit, 118. mentor, 119. fantastic, 120. instant, 121. compose

122. syn_____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
123. get a bureaucratic ru_____nd *n.* a series of evasive or misleading answers or actions often used to evade responsibility or avoid giving a direct answer; a frustrating and time-consuming experience of being led from one place or person to another in search of information or assistance
124. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
125. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
126. chronic sleep dep_____on *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
127. have a whole m____s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
128. per_____ng situation *adj.* causing confusion or uncertainty; difficult to understand or explain; puzzling or mystifying
129. in great co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
130. a profit ma____n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
131. origin of the co____s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

ANSWERS: 122. synchronize, 123. runaround, 124. typical, 125. synchronize, 126. deprivation, 127. mess, 128. perplexing, 129. confusion, 130. margin, 131. cosmos

132. in_____ng stories *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
133. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
134. roller sk__e *n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
135. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
136. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
137. a tremor of de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
138. co_____t only in knowing facts *v.* to be composed or made up of
139. m__k his accent *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
140. exh_____te the audience *v.* to make someone feel very happy, animated, or excited; to fill with energy or a sense of euphoria
141. ma_____st behavior *n.* someone who derives pleasure from their pain or suffering; one who enjoys being humiliated or degraded
142. puzzle-so____r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
143. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 132. inspiring, 133. emotional, 134. skate, 135. magical, 136. expand, 137. delight, 138. consist, 139. mock, 140. exhilarate, 141. masochist, 142. solver, 143. improvisation

144. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
145. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
146. the stars of the Scorpion
con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
147. ke____rd instruments *n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
148. id____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
149. ma___x multiplication *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
150. int_____ble to anyone *adj.* capable of being understood or apprehended
151. the grand ch_____on *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

ANSWERS: 144. process, 145. comparison, 146. constellation, 147. keyboard, 148. identify, 149. matrix, 150. intelligible, 151. champion

152. whi_____rd marker *n.* a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased
153. the preliminary ra__y *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
154. cu_____y view *n.* a section removed from an object or structure to show the internal workings or details; a break in a film or television show to insert footage of a different scene or film
155. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
156. an_____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
157. with de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
158. di_____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
159. emotional exh_____on *n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
160. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
161. ob___e remarks *adj.* lacking in sharpness or quickness of mind; blunt or dull-witted; (of mathematics) an angle that measures greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees
162. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 152. whiteboard, 153. rally, 154. cutaway, 155. magical, 156. anxiety, 157. delight, 158. diverse, 159. exhaustion, 160. drag, 161. obtuse, 162. puzzle

163. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
164. a wire g__d *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
165. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
166. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
167. n__d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
168. by a strange coi_____ce *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
169. a warm tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
170. an eager be___r *n.* a large, semiaquatic rodent with a wide, flat tail and webbed feet, noted for its ability to build dams and lodges
171. playing d__e *n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
172. charged pa_____le *n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

ANSWERS: 163. celebrate, 164. grid, 165. emotional, 166. typical, 167. nerd, 168. coincidence, 169. trail, 170. beaver, 171. dice, 172. particle

173. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
174. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
175. solve a su____u *n.* a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle that typically consists of a 9x9 grid divided into nine 3x3 sub-grids and requires the solver to fill in each empty square with a number from 1-9, with the constraint that no number can appear more than once in a row, column, or sub-grid
176. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
177. na_____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
178. good at cr_____rd puzzles *n.* a word puzzle consisting of a grid of black and white squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues
179. li_____ry criticism *adj.* relating to or characteristic of literature (= written or spoken works of artistic expression) or other related works, particularly in terms of style and content
180. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 173. eventually, 174. abstract, 175. sudoku, 176. appreciate, 177. navigate, 178. crossword, 179. literary, 180. recognize

181. e__t a history book
v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
182. a fa_____ic dress
adj. extremely good; excellent
183. ex_____ng football player
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
184. m__k at his misfortune
v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
185. exh_____on of energy
n. the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
186. do a cr_____rd puzzle
n. a word puzzle consisting of a grid of black and white squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues
187. a seafaring na___n
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
188. Alice's won_____nd
n. a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
189. pa_____le energy
n. a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
190. el_____t design
adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

ANSWERS: 181. edit, 182. fantastic, 183. exciting, 184. mock, 185. exhaustion, 186. crossword, 187. nation, 188. wonderland, 189. particle, 190. elegant

191. d__e game *n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
192. dec_____ct the existing system *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
193. bu_____g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat
194. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
195. exploration of co____s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
196. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
197. ma_____st tendencies *n.* someone who derives pleasure from their pain or suffering; one who enjoys being humiliated or degraded
198. hazard ant_____ion *n.* the action of expecting that something might happen in the future and perhaps doing something about it now
199. li_____ry figures *adj.* relating to or characteristic of literature (= written or spoken works of artistic expression) or other related works, particularly in terms of style and content
200. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely

ANSWERS: 191. dice, 192. deconstruct, 193. burning, 194. incredible, 195. cosmos, 196. insight, 197. masochist, 198. anticipation, 199. literary, 200. entirely

201. follow the tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
202. the ma___x of Western civilization *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
203. wa___e my backside *v.* to move or swing back and forth or from side to side in a playful or teasing manner; to move unsteadily or irregularly
204. mysterious en___a *n.* a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution
205. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
206. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
207. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
208. re_____e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
209. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 201. trail, 202. matrix, 203. waggle, 204. enigma, 205. confront, 206. resolve, 207. construct, 208. reframe, 209. stick

210. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
211. fu_____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
212. ad_____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
213. abstract sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
214. cu_____y collar *n.* a section removed from an object or structure to show the internal workings or details; a break in a film or television show to insert footage of a different scene or film
215. a_t wording *adj.* having a natural talent, inclination, or tendency for a particular activity, skill, or trait; appropriate or fitting for a specific situation or purpose
216. unsolved my_____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
217. great mu_____de *n.* a large number of things or people
218. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 210. complicated, 211. fulfill, 212. adventure, 213. sculpture, 214. cutaway, 215. apt, 216. mystery, 217. multitude, 218. exciting

219. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
220. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
221. humiliating pun_____nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
222. ra__y in front of the embassy *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
223. sk__e park *n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
224. northern con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
225. ob___e angle *adj.* lacking in sharpness or quickness of mind; blunt or dull-witted; (of mathematics) an angle that measures greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees
226. write el_____t sentences *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
227. int_____ble pronunciation *adj.* capable of being understood or apprehended

ANSWERS: 219. fortunate, 220. competition, 221. punishment, 222. rally, 223. skate, 224. constellation, 225. obtuse, 226. elegant, 227. intelligible

228. awe-in_____ng sight *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
229. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
230. no____e lawyer *n.* a person who is new to a particular activity or experience; a beginner or learner
231. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
232. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
233. em_____ze a direct relationship *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
234. botanical ex_____t *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
235. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
236. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
237. un____k value *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

ANSWERS: 228. inspiring, 229. identify, 230. novice, 231. shell, 232. judge, 233. emphasize, 234. extract, 235. perspective, 236. descend, 237. unlock

238. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
239. rem_____nt of ancient times *adj.* making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests
240. rem_____nt smile *adj.* making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests
241. exh_____te the crowd *v.* to make someone feel very happy, animated, or excited; to fill with energy or a sense of euphoria
242. dec_____ct his method *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
243. ca_____rd box *n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials
244. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
245. cl__k disapprovingly *v.* to make the sound that a hen makes; to express disapproval or scorn by making a clicking noise with the tongue and teeth
246. ill_____te my understanding *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
247. a computer n__d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

ANSWERS: 238. drag, 239. reminiscent, 240. reminiscent, 241. exhilarate, 242. deconstruct, 243. cardboard, 244. collaborate, 245. cluck, 246. illuminate, 247. nerd

248. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
249. talented ph____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
250. stem a to____t *n.* a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud
251. me____r for life *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
252. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
253. me____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
254. the st____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
255. the per____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
256. pr____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination

ANSWERS: 248. process, 249. physicist, 250. torrent, 251. mentor, 252. nation, 253. mention, 254. structure, 255. perspective, 256. pristine

257. al____y of emotions *n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious
258. re____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
259. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
260. linear so____r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
261. an ab____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
262. se____rs on some foreign shore *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
263. chess no____e *n.* a person who is new to a particular activity or experience; a beginner or learner
264. a c__e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
265. co____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

ANSWERS: 257. alchemy, 258. resolve, 259. shell, 260. solver, 261. abstract, 262. settler, 263. novice, 264. clue, 265. compose

266. r__l a ball v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
267. my_____y novel n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
268. eve_____ly become obsolete adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
269. ex___d a lineup v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
270. mathematical pu___e n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
271. de_____d by elevator v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
272. tou_____nt for professionals n. a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners
273. a few years af_____rd adv. after the time mentioned
274. go there af_____rd adv. after the time mentioned
275. inc_____ly cheerful character adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 266. roll, 267. mystery, 268. eventually, 269. expand, 270. puzzle, 271. descend, 272. tournament, 273. afterward, 274. afterward, 275. incredibly

276. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
277. cl__ked in disbelief *v.* to make the sound that a hen makes; to express disapproval or scorn by making a clicking noise with the tongue and teeth
278. the difficulty level of su___u *n.* a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle that typically consists of a 9x9 grid divided into nine 3x3 sub-grids and requires the solver to fill in each empty square with a number from 1-9, with the constraint that no number can appear more than once in a row, column, or sub-grid
279. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
280. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
281. a_t example *adj.* having a natural talent, inclination, or tendency for a particular activity, skill, or trait; appropriate or fitting for a specific situation or purpose
282. hi_____us mistake *adj.* extremely funny
283. ca_____rd cutout *n.* a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials

ANSWERS: 276. involve, 277. cluck, 278. sudoku, 279. structure, 280. collaborate, 281. apt, 282. hilarious, 283. cardboard

284. pa__l discussion

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 284. panel

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The comedian's stand-up routine was _____.
adj. extremely funny
2. The bird would _____ its tail feathers excitedly when it saw its favorite food.
v. to move or swing back and forth or from side to side in a playful or teasing manner; to move unsteadily or irregularly
3. The structure is _____ of three main components.
v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
4. I made a _____ box to store my winter clothes in.
n. a stiff, thick material made from compressed paper pulp used to make boxes and other packaging materials
5. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.
v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
6. Losing him is great _____ to our team.
n. a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
7. I found her assertion pretty _____.
adj. able to make someone believe that something is true
8. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 1. hilarious, 2. waggle, 3. composed, 4. cardboard, 5. confront, 6. deprivation, 7. convincing, 8. magical

9. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
10. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
11. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
12. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
13. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
14. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.
v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
15. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
16. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.
v. to give or show particular importance to something

ANSWERS: 9. puzzle, 10. expand, 11. perspective, 12. emotional, 13. unexpected, 14. reframe, 15. collaborate, 16. emphasize

17. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.
n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
18. The mediated settlement brought _____ to both sides.
n. a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
19. This company is faced with a _____ of problems.
n. a large number of things or people
20. His _____ reasoning made it difficult for me to understand his point of view.
adj. lacking in sharpness or quickness of mind; blunt or dull-witted; (of mathematics) an angle that measures greater than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees
21. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
22. He made a frightful _____ in his room.
n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
23. The storm left a _____ of destruction behind it.
n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
24. The colorful garden was a _____ of various plants and flowers.
n. a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

ANSWERS: 17. margin, 18. satisfaction, 19. multitude, 20. obtuse, 21. celebrated, 22. mess, 23. trail, 24. wonderland

25. The body of his car has a _____ finish.

adj. having a surface without a shine, luster; non-glossy

26. She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to _____ various categories of literature.

v. to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

27. The _____ bodies in the night sky were beautiful to behold.

adj. relating to the sky or the heavens; of or like the sky or the heavens

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

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

29. She has been practicing an ice _____ routine for months

n. a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

30. The _____ of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

n. a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

31. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 25. matte, 26. deconstruct, 27. celestial, 28. edit, 29. skate, 30. matrix, 31. eventually

32. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
33. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
34. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.
- n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
35. The mother hen would _____ loudly to gather her chicks around her.
- v.* to make the sound that a hen makes; to express disapproval or scorn by making a clicking noise with the tongue and teeth
36. _____ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.
- n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
37. My boss has been giving me the _____ about my promotion for months.
- n.* a series of evasive or misleading answers or actions often used to evade responsibility or avoid giving a direct answer; a frustrating and time-consuming experience of being led from one place or person to another in search of information or assistance
38. The band played a beautiful _____ on their instruments.
- n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

ANSWERS: 32. stick, 33. structure, 34. extracting, 35. cluck, 36. Grid, 37. runaround, 38. tune

39. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

40. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

41. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

42. My dog found a _____ on the floor and quickly ate it.

n. a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something

43. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

adv. after the time mentioned

44. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

adj. having good luck or lucky

45. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

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

46. I've included the two designs for a _____.

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

ANSWERS: 39. abstract, 40. incredible, 41. competition, 42. crumb, 43. afterward, 44. fortunate, 45. insights, 46. comparison

47. She waited in eager _____ for his arrival.
- n.* the action of expecting that something might happen in the future and perhaps doing something about it now
48. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
49. Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the _____.
- n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
50. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.
- v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
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. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.
- v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
53. The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental _____.
- n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
54. The ancient text remains an _____ challenging scholars to unravel its meaning.
- n.* a puzzling or mysterious person, place, or thing; something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain; a riddle or mysterious puzzle that requires a solution

ANSWERS: 47. anticipation, 48. claim, 49. cosmos, 50. fulfilled, 51. hunt, 52. reconstruct, 53. exhaustion, 54. enigma,

55. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.
- v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
56. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
- v. to pull or haul with force
57. The sense of accomplishment from completing a challenging hike can _____ those who love the great outdoors
- v. to make someone feel very happy, animated, or excited; to fill with energy or a sense of euphoria
58. The flow _____ is validated against the experiment.
- n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
59. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.
- v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
60. Some people are _____ who enjoy experiencing pain.
- n. someone who derives pleasure from their pain or suffering; one who enjoys being humiliated or degraded
61. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
- v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
62. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

ANSWERS: 55. synchronized, 56. dragged, 57. exhilarate, 58. solver, 59. navigate, 60. masochists, 61. constructs, 62. identify

63. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

64. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

65. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

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

66. Basketball is their usual _____ after school.

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

67. This examination _____ of five problems to solve.

v. to be composed or made up of

68. That biologist _____ the mechanism of heredity.

v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

69. The ancient Greek _____ are known for their realism and attention to detail.

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

ANSWERS: 63. shift, 64. instant, 65. mystery, 66. recreation, 67. consists, 68. illuminated, 69. sculptures

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

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

71. The fashion designer included a _____ section on the dress to show off the intricate details.

n. a section removed from an object or structure to show the internal workings or details; a break in a film or television show to insert footage of a different scene or film

72. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

73. 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

74. The rain fell in a _____ flooding the streets in minutes.

n. a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud

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

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

76. The mountain _____ built a dam to block the stream.

n. a large, semiaquatic rodent with a wide, flat tail and webbed feet, noted for its ability to build dams and lodges

77. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 70. diverse, 71. cutaway, 72. shell, 73. junk, 74. torrent, 75. recognize, 76. beaver, 77. descended

78. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
79. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.
n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
80. It is impolite to ____ fun of an international student's English mistakes.
v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
81. The idea for the company was formed at its _____ and has since grown into a successful business.
n. the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence
82. The _____ coder had a difficult time debugging their program.
n. a person who is new to a particular activity or experience; a beginner or learner
83. 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
84. Today, the study of _____ remains an important part of the history of science and philosophy
n. a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious

ANSWERS: 78. incredibly, 79. punishment, 80. mock, 81. inception, 82. novice, 83. nation, 84. alchemy

85. His painting style is _____ of Monet's

adj. making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests

86. The basketball _____ was fiercely competitive, with the top teams all vying for first place.

n. a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners

87. He fastens some sheets of paper with a _____.

n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

88. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

adj. extremely good; excellent

89. She waited for her daughter with _____.

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

90. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

91. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for _____.

n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

92. He was, by nature, a cyber _____.

n. a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

ANSWERS: 85. reminiscent, 86. tournament, 87. clip, 88. fantastic, 89. anxiety, 90. delight, 91. clarity, 92. nerd

93. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
94. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.
n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
95. A large proportion of railway workers in _____ colonies were white.
n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
96. He rolled the _____ hoping for a lucky outcome.
n. a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
97. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.
n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
98. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
99. Let's brainstorm ideas on the _____ for the new project.
n. a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased
100. The novel's ambiguous ending left readers with a _____ message.
adj. causing confusion or uncertainty; difficult to understand or explain; puzzling or mystifying

ANSWERS: 93. crack, 94. clue, 95. settler, 96. dice, 97. confusion, 98. remarkable, 99. whiteboard, 100. perplexing

101. As a _____ he helped me realize my career.

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

102. The _____ community mourned the loss of the talented author.

adj. relating to or characteristic of literature (= written or spoken works of artistic expression) or other related works, particularly in terms of style and content

103. We can calculate the position of the _____ statistically.

n. a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

104. The customs officer required the traveler to _____ his suitcase.

v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

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

adv. completely

106. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

107. He sat frowning over a _____ puzzle.

n. a word puzzle consisting of a grid of black and white squares and blanks into which words crossing vertically and horizontally are written according to clues

108. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 101. mentor, 102. literary, 103. particles, 104. unlock, 105. entirely, 106. pristine, 107. crossword, 108. process

109. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
110. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
- adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
111. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
- n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
112. The athlete's _____ was to win an Olympic gold medal before retiring from the sport
- n.* the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition
113. He gave me an _____ answer.
- adj.* capable of being understood or apprehended
114. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
115. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.
- n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
116. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 109. improvisation, 110. specific, 111. judge, 112. endgame, 113. intelligible, 114. exciting, 115. adventures, 116. intellect

117. Navigators still use the Little Bear _____ at sea.

- n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

118. There was a massive police presence at the anti-government _____.

- v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

119. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

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

120. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.

- v.* to frighten someone very much

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

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

122. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

123. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.

- n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

124. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

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

ANSWERS: 117. constellation, 118. rally, 119. phrase, 120. terrify, 121. complicated, 122. involves, 123. piles, 124. communicate

125. We would _____ an early reply.
v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
126. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
127. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
128. The _____ plan to cheat on the test was foiled by the teacher.
adj. cunning and deceitful; not straightforward; tricky
129. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.
adj. intense or scorching heat
130. Einstein was an outstanding and famous _____ of the 20th century.
n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
131. I enjoy solving _____ puzzles in my free time.
n. a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle that typically consists of a 9x9 grid divided into nine 3x3 sub-grids and requires the solver to fill in each empty square with a number from 1-9, with the constraint that no number can appear more than once in a row, column, or sub-grid
132. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
133. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.
adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 125. appreciate, 126. compete, 127. typical, 128. devious, 129. burning, 130. physicist, 131. sudoku, 132. mentioned, 133. brilliant

134. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

135. It was a pure _____ that we met her in the library.

n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

136. She has an ____ sense of humor and always knows how to make people laugh.

adj. having a natural talent, inclination, or tendency for a particular activity, skill, or trait; appropriate or fitting for a specific situation or purpose

137. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

138. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

139. This company _____ its battery problem completely.

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

140. An _____ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

141. She wore an _____ evening gown to the gala.

adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

ANSWERS: 134. panel, 135. coincidence, 136. apt, 137. rolled, 138. champion, 139. resolves, 140. inspiring, 141. elegant

142. Please strike the "enter" on the _____.

- n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work

ANSWERS: 142. keyboard