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Session 1: Word List

arcane

adj. mysterious or known only by a select few

synonym: mysterious, obscure, hidden

(1) **arcane** knowledge, (2) **arcane** subject

The **arcane** rituals of the secret society were known only to a select few.

forbidden

adj. not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

synonym: prohibited, banned, illegal

(1) **forbidden** words, (2) **forbidden** love

Taking photographs inside the museum is **forbidden**.

lore

n. traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature

synonym: mythology, legend, tradition

(1) military **lore**, (2) mythological **lore**

The village's **lore** passed down stories of their ancestors and their traditions.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

bloodline

n. the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species

synonym: ancestry, lineage, descent

(1) **bloodline** inheritance, (2) royal **bloodline**

The new champion racehorse came from a long line of strong **bloodlines**.

unspeakable

adj. too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about

synonym: unspeakably horrible, indescribable, unutterable

(1) **unspeakable** crime, (2) **unspeakable** pain

The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the **unspeakable** horror of the experience.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym: crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

horror

n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

synonym: fear, terror, dread

(1) **horror** movie, (2) **horror-struck** look

The stories of war crimes filled her with **horror**.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

adjective

n. a word that describes a noun or pronoun

synonym: modifier, accessory, attribute

(1) **adjective** clause, (2) an attributive **adjective**

The **adjective** "red" describes the color of the apple.

inspire

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

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

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

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

providence

n. the protective care or guidance of God or nature as a spiritual power; divine intervention; the timely preparation for future eventualities or emergencies

synonym: protection, care, provision

(1) divine **providence**, (2) **providence** of nature

The success of our business venture was attributed to the guiding hand of **providence**.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym: esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

Gothic

adj. of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries

synonym: medieval, mysterious, eerie

(1) a **Gothic** cathedral, (2) **Gothic** novel

The **Gothic** architecture of the cathedral was awe-inspiring.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym : throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym : shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym : fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

folklore

n. traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally

synonym : myths, legends, traditions

(1) **folklore** tradition, (2) **folklore** myth

The area's **folklore** tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

eerie

adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural

synonym: bizarre, creepy, dreadful

(1) **eerie** silence, (2) the **eerie** whistle of dropping bombs

The street was entirely silent and a bit **eerie**.

plausibility

n. the quality or state of seeming reasonable or believable; the likelihood or probability of something being true or valid

synonym: plausibleness, credibility, believability

(1) **plausibility** test, (2) lacking **plausibility**

The **plausibility** of the witness's testimony was called into question during the trial.

meteorite

n. a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space

synonym: meteor, shooting star, asteroid

(1) **meteorite** impact, (2) **meteorite** shower

The **meteorite** fragments were collected and sent to a laboratory for analysis.

mutation

n. the way in which genes of a person, plant, animal, or other organism change and produce permanent differences

synonym : metamorphosis, transformation, alteration

(1) **mutation** of DNA, (2) hereditary **mutation**

Radiation often promotes genetic **mutations** in plants and animals.

nightmare

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

synonym : agony, misery, suffering

(1) have a **nightmare**, (2) **nightmare** situation

Life as a waiter was a big **nightmare** for him.

hell

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

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

incorporate

v. to include something as a part of a larger entity

synonym : contain, integrate, amalgamate

(1) **incorporate** the current trends, (2) **incorporate** technology into daily life

We will attempt to **incorporate** some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

methodology

n. a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something

synonym : procedure, approach, process

(1) **methodology** for optimizing, (2) research **methodology**

We are developing a new **methodology** for assessing marketing measures.

expedition

n. a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

synonym : journey, trip, voyage

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

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

challenging.

unearth

v. to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: discover, uncover, expose

(1) **unearth** burial mound, (2) **unearth** a mystery

The detective **unearthed** a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.

undiscovered

adj. not yet found or known

synonym: unknown, hidden, unexplored

(1) **undiscovered** territory, (2) **undiscovered** potential

The jungle is full of **undiscovered** species waiting to be found.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

geometric

adj. relating to or having the characteristics of geometry (= the shape, properties, and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids)

synonym: mathematical, symmetrical, regular

(1) a **geometric** proof, (2) **geometric** pattern

The **geometric** shapes and patterns in the artwork are visually stunning.

configuration

n. the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things

synonym: arrangement, composition, formatting

(1) **configuration** of the system, (2) engine **configuration**

The **configuration** of molecules in steel changes significantly with temperature.

wreak

v. to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events

synonym: cause, inflict, bring about

(1) **wreak** a lot of changes, (2) **wreak** further damage

The virus has **wreaked** havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.

havoc

n. widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

synonym: destruction, devastation, ruin

(1) cause **havoc**, (2) play **havoc** in the mind

The storm wreaked **havoc** on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

behold

v. to look at and observe with attention

synonym: see, observe, watch

(1) **behold** the sunrise, (2) a joy to **behold**

His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to **behold**.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

atomic

adj. of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)

synonym: tiny, microscopic, nuclear

(1) **atomic** nucleus, (2) **atomic** bomb

Carbon has an **atomic** mass of 12.

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.

X-ray

n. a type of electromagnetic radiation that has a wavelength shorter than visible light allowing hidden objects such as bones and organs inside the body to be photographed

synonym : roentgenogram, photon radiography

(1) **X-ray** scan, (2) an **X-ray** of arteries

The doctor ordered an **X-ray** to see if there was any damage to the bones.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym : fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym : hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

indescribable

adj. not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language

synonym : uncommunicable, indefinable, unutterable

(1) **indescribable** horror, (2) **indescribable** experience

The beauty of the sunset was **indescribable**, leaving me in awe of its splendor.

recognizable

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

synonym : noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

monster

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

synonym : giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

graphic

adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

synonym : illustrative, picturesque, visual

(1) **graphic** design, (2) a **graphic** description of an accident

The **graphic** novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym : alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

shock

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

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

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

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

depth

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

synonym : deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water
The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy
Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

novella

n. a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel

synonym: short novel, long story, narrative

(1) write a **novella**, (2) a **novella** set in a medieval kingdom
I am reading a famous **novella** about a group of friends who go on a road trip.

poem

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

synonym: ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

fictional

adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

synonym: imaginary, invented, made-up

(1) **fictional** character, (2) non- **fictional** text

The names of the company are entirely **fictional**.

continuity

n. the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern

synonym: coherence, uninterruptedness, perseverance

(1) **continuity** plan, (2) **continuity** of service

The sudden departure of the team leader disrupted the project's **continuity**.

recurring

adj. happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
synonym : periodic, constant, frequent

(1) **recurring** payments, (2) **recurring** decimals

A **recurring** back pain interfered with his concentration.

locate

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

synonym : discover, find, place

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

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

mythology

n. a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

synonym : folklore, legend, fable

(1) tale from **mythology**, (2) ancient **mythology**

He studies Greek and Roman **mythology**.

glance

v. to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle

synonym : glimpse, peek, flash

(1) **glance** around nervously, (2) **glance** at him miserably

I casually **glanced** into the small hut.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym : modern, stylish, coetaneous

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

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym : down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym : dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

primordial

adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

synonym: ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas

The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

deity

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym: god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

lurk

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

synonym: hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

froth

n. a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

synonym: foam, lather

(1) beer **froth**, (2) **froth** in the ocean

The cappuccino was topped with **froth**, making it look like a work of art.

primal

adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

synonym : original, fundamental, basic

(1) **primal** eras, (2) **primal** fear

The **primal** instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

slime

n. a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet

synonym : muck, ooze, gunk

(1) **slime** bacteria, (2) **slime** mold

The kids loved playing with the green **slime**, but it was a nightmare to clean up.

nuclear

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

synonym : atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

chaos

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

synonym : disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

nether

adj. located beneath or below; lower in position; situated below the surface of the Earth; referring to the lower parts of the body

synonym : inferior, lower, underground

(1) **nether** lip, (2) **nether** garment

The **nether** regions of the building were dark and musty.

outpost

n. a small military camp at some distance from the main army, used mainly to observe an enemy's movements,

etc.

synonym : frontier, settlement

(1) **outpost** area, (2) military **outpost**

With the war's end, they have begun a gradual retreat from their **outposts**.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

idiot

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

synonym : dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**

He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

destructive

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

synonym : destroying, harmful, disastrous

(1) lead to **destructive** behavior, (2) a habit **destructive** to health

It was the most **destructive** storm in decades.

impulse

n. a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

synonym : stimulation, provocation, urge

(1) a combative **impulse**, (2) profound religious **impulses**

Nerve **impulses** cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

stall

v. to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

synonym : halt, hamper, (noun) cubicle

(1) **stall** at sea, (2) **stall** in a tunnel

The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally **stalled**.

madden

v. to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration

synonym : infuriate, enrage, exasperate

(1) **madden** with rage, (2) **madden** the enemy

The slow internet connection **maddened** him as he tried to stream his favorite show.

vile

adj. highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence

synonym : disgusting, repulsive, despicable

(1) **vile** behavior, (2) **vile** language

The **vile** smell coming from the dumpster was unbearable.

monotonous

adj. lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious

synonym : tedious, dull, boring

(1) **monotonous** routine, (2) **monotonous** job

The **monotonous** task of data entry required intense concentration.

whine

v. to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner

synonym : complain, moan, whimper

(1) **whine** about homework, (2) **whine** about the weather

The child began to **whine** when his mom said they couldn't go to the park.

accursed

adj. subject to a curse or condemnation; deserving of punishment or ill-fate; disliked or despised

synonym: damned, cursed, execrable

(1) **accursed** place, (2) **accursed** scream

The **accursed** curse had been passed down through generations of the family.

flute

n. a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end

synonym: pipe, recorder, whistle

(1) **flute** music, (2) play the **flute**

The **flute** solo in the symphony was beautiful and elevated the overall performance.

conception

n. a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle

synonym: notion, abstraction, cogitation

(1) a grand **conception**, (2) the **conception** of the good
I have no **conception** of what you intend.

inscrutable

adj. difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered

synonym: mysterious, enigmatic, impenetrable

(1) **inscrutable** expression, (2) **inscrutable** smile

The mystery surrounding the lost city's **inscrutable** ruins has intrigued archaeologists for decades.

motif

n. a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music

synonym: theme, pattern, design

(1) animal **motif**, (2) the **motif** of a music piece

The repeating floral **motif** in the wallpaper added a touch of elegance to the room.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and

linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

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

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

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

hint

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

synonym: clue, indication, suggestion

(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**

There was no **hint** of a problem.

indirect

adj. happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way

synonym: unintended, ambiguous, ancillary

(1) **indirect** taxation, (2) **indirect** lighting

He expressed his dissatisfaction in an **indirect** way.

glimpse

n. a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

synonym: glance, peek, sighting

(1) a momentary **glimpse**, (2) passing **glimpse**

Our team caught a **glimpse** of the world-class technique in this game.

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

synonym: crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme

Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

survive

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

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

triumph

n. a great victory or achievement
synonym: victory, success, conquest

(1) **triumph** of democracy, (2) **triumph** of the spirit
The team's **triumph** in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

cosmic

adj. relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless
synonym: astronomical, celestial, outer-space

(1) second **cosmic** velocity, (2) **cosmic** background radiation
Cosmic rays are high-energy particles that originate from outside the solar system.

insignificant

adj. of little importance, influence, or power
synonym: unimportant, trivial, irrelevant

(1) **insignificant** amount, (2) an **insignificant** mistake
He made me feel small and **insignificant**.

speck

n. a very small spot, piece, or amount
synonym: blot, dot, mark

(1) a **speck** of dust, (2) **speck** of suspicion
The plane was just a **speck** in the sky.

mercy

n. compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm
synonym: clemency, leniency, compassion

(1) **mercy** killing, (2) **mercy** stroke
He begged for **mercy** and pleaded for his life.

fathomable

adj. able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth

synonym : understandable, comprehensible, intelligible

(1) **fathomable** explanation, (2) **fathomable** solution

The scientific theories presented in the book were **fathomable** even to non-experts.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym : being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

appeal

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

synonym : request, charm, attraction

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

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

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym : lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

correspond

v. to match or be similar to something else almost exactly; to exchange messages

synonym : match, equate, communicate

(1) **correspond** to a standard, (2) **correspond** with a foreign student

The numbers on the sign **correspond** to points on the map.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym : uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

tome

n. a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book

synonym: book, volume, opus

(1) **tome** of knowledge, (2) ancient **tome**

I spent the whole weekend reading an academic **tome** about medieval history.

pal

n. a close friend

synonym: buddy, friend, chum

(1) baseball **pal**, (2) long-time **pal**

She is a pen **pal** of mine.

universe

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

synonym: cosmos, macrocosm

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

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

mythos

n. the collection of beliefs, stories, and cultural narratives that define the values, traditions, and identity of a particular group, community, or society

synonym: myth, legend, folklore

(1) rich **mythos**, (2) **mythos** of heroism

The **mythos** surrounding the famous artist's life has been the subject of many books and movies.

infamous

adj. having a reputation for being very bad or wicked

synonym: notorious, disreputable, scandalous

(1) an **infamous** crime, (2) acquire an **infamous** reputation

The **infamous** criminal was finally brought to justice.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym: combine, mix, intermingle

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

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

dragon

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

synonym: wyvern, serpent, drake

(1) **dragon** fruit, (2) **dragon** wing

In Chinese mythology, **dragons** are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

octopus

n. a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

synonym: devilfish

(1) giant **octopus**, (2) venomous **octopus**

He experienced nausea after eating live **octopus**.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

racist

adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

synonym : discriminatory, prejudiced, bigoted

(1) far-right **racist**, (2) **racist** attitudes

The **racist** comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

crude

adj. being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

synonym : unrefined, native, vulgar

(1) price of **crude** oil, (2) **crude** manners

His **crude** jokes made her angry.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

slur

v. to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

synonym : defame, slander, denigrate

(1) **slur** a drink, (2) **slur** his reputation

He shouldn't be allowed to **slur** people based on race or sexuality.

outlive

v. to live longer than another person

synonym : continue, outlast, survive

(1) **outlive** its usefulness, (2) **outlive** our child

She **outlived** her husband for many years.

prejudice

n. a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

synonym: bias, preconception, predisposition

(1) deep-rooted **prejudice**, (2) color **prejudice**

This community is free of social **prejudice**.

adopt

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

synonym: accept, assume, take on

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

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

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym: re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

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.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached

audiences globally.

penny

n. a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

synonym: cent, coin, copper

(1) **penny** stock, (2) save a **penny**

I found a lucky **penny** on the ground while walking to work this morning.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

indifference

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

synonym: apathy, disinterest, unconcern

(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference**

I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.

numerous

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

synonym: many, considerable, countless

(1) **numerous** countries, (2) as **numerous** as the sand

These descriptions are based on a number of **numerous** assumptions.

novel

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

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

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

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

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym : figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

dread

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

synonym : fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

Session 2: Spelling

1. at___c nucleus *adj.* of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)
2. mu_____on of DNA *n.* the way in which genes of a person, plant, animal, or other organism change and produce permanent differences
3. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
4. ho___r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
5. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
6. v__e language *adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
7. ma___n with rage *v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
8. pe__y stock *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
9. ancient t__e *n.* a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book

ANSWERS: 1. atomic, 2. mutation, 3. progression, 4. horror, 5. startling, 6. vile, 7. madden, 8. penny, 9. tome

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| 10. dr__d getting old | <i>v.</i> to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen |
| 11. cr__e manners | <i>adj.</i> being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil |
| 12. met_____gy for optimizing | <i>n.</i> a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something |
| 13. the in_____on of new techniques | <i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing |
| 14. re_____ng payments | <i>adj.</i> happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly |
| 15. la_____y mitigate the issue | <i>adv.</i> virtually entirely; to a large degree |
| 16. social ant_____ogy | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species |
| 17. divine pro_____ce | <i>n.</i> the protective care or guidance of God or nature as a spiritual power; divine intervention; the timely preparation for future eventualities or emergencies |
| 18. bl__d to the beauties | <i>adj.</i> unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something |
| 19. theory of the un_____se | <i>n.</i> everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy |

ANSWERS: 10. dread, 11. crude, 12. methodology, 13. invention, 14. recurring, 15. largely, 16. anthropology, 17. providence, 18. blind, 19. universe

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| 20. fri_____ng experience | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming |
| 21. lead to des_____ve behavior | <i>adj.</i> causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage |
| 22. me__y killing | <i>n.</i> compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm |
| 23. und_____red potential | <i>adj.</i> not yet found or known |
| 24. id__t driver | <i>n.</i> a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient |
| 25. helpful h__ts | <i>n.</i> an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something |
| 26. military ou_____t | <i>n.</i> a small military camp at some distance from the main army, used mainly to observe an enemy's movements, etc. |
| 27. fa_____y novel | <i>n.</i> a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen |
| 28. ac_____ed place | <i>adj.</i> subject to a curse or condemnation; deserving of punishment or ill-fate; disliked or despised |
| 29. a scientific di_____ry | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |
| 30. write a no_____a | <i>n.</i> a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel |

ANSWERS: 20. frightening, 21. destructive, 22. mercy, 23. undiscovered, 24. idiot, 25. hint, 26. outpost, 27. fantasy, 28. accursed, 29. discovery, 30. novella

31. uns_____le crime *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
32. venomous oc_____s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
33. pri_____al forms of life *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
34. dr__d failure *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
35. tr_____h of democracy *n.* a great victory or achievement
36. fr__h in the ocean *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
37. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
38. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
39. acquire an in_____us reputation *adj.* having a reputation for being very bad or wicked
40. a ge_____ic proof *adj.* relating to or having the characteristics of geometry (= the shape, properties, and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids)
41. royal bl_____ne *n.* the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species

ANSWERS: 31. unspeakable, 32. octopus, 33. primordial, 34. dread, 35. triumph, 36. froth, 37. contemporary, 38. transcend, 39. infamous, 40. geometric, 41. bloodline

42. de__h camera *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
43. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
44. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
45. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
46. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
47. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
48. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
49. I__ked behind the words *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
50. non-fi_____al text *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
51. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
52. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

ANSWERS: 42. depth, 43. encouraging, 44. violent, 45. fiction, 46. diverse, 47. stereotype, 48. mad, 49. lurk, 50. fictional, 51. unfortunately, 52. stumble

53. wh__e about the weather *v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
54. passing gl_____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
55. un_____h burial mound *v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
56. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
57. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
58. a gr_____c description of an accident *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
59. pri_____al gas *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
60. the ee__e whistle of dropping bombs *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
61. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
62. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
63. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

ANSWERS: 53. whine, 54. glimpse, 55. unearth, 56. creature, 57. creature, 58. graphic, 59. primordial, 60. eerie, 61. victim, 62. invisible, 63. poem

64. ind_____ble horror *adj.* not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language
65. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
66. fo_____re myth *n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
67. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
68. an X-__y of arteries *n.* a type of electromagnetic radiation that has a wavelength shorter than visible light allowing hidden objects such as bones and organs inside the body to be photographed
69. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
70. mon_____us job *adj.* lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious
71. ad_____ve clause *n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun
72. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
73. rich my___s *n.* the collection of beliefs, stories, and cultural narratives that define the values, traditions, and identity of a particular group, community, or society

ANSWERS: 64. indescribable, 65. shock, 66. folklore, 67. adopt, 68. X-ray, 69. encouraging, 70. monotonous, 71. adjective, 72. reimagine, 73. mythos

74. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
75. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
76. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
77. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
78. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
79. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
80. uns_____le pain *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
81. fat_____le solution *adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth
82. a Go___c cathedral *adj.* of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries

ANSWERS: 74. modern, 75. stereotype, 76. icon, 77. locate, 78. disturb, 79. perspective, 80. unspeakable, 81. fathomable, 82. Gothic

83. ou____e our child v. to live longer than another person
84. wh__e about homework v. to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
85. giant oc____s n. a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
86. ch__s theory n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
87. ind_____ble experience adj. not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language
88. nu____r fusion adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
89. stuff of science fi____n n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
90. use of nu____r power adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
91. cor_____nd with a foreign student v. to match or be similar to something else almost exactly; to exchange messages

ANSWERS: 83. outlive, 84. whine, 85. octopus, 86. chaos, 87. indescribable, 88. nuclear, 89. fiction, 90. nuclear, 91. correspond

92. ou____t area
n. a small military camp at some distance from the main army, used mainly to observe an enemy's movements, etc.
93. fat_____le explanation
adj. able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth
94. a narrative p__m
n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
95. di_____b his sleep
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
96. run like h__l
n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
97. my____s of heroism
n. the collection of beliefs, stories, and cultural narratives that define the values, traditions, and identity of a particular group, community, or society
98. as nu_____us as the sand
adj. amounting to a large indefinite number
99. em___y job seekers
v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
100. la_____y accepted
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
101. dr____n fruit
n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

ANSWERS: 92. outpost, 93. fathomable, 94. poem, 95. disturb, 96. hell, 97. mythos, 98. numerous, 99. employ, 100. largely, 101. dragon

102. v__e behavior *adj.* highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence
103. s__r his reputation *v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
104. tr____h of the spirit *n.* a great victory or achievement
105. profound religious im____es *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
106. st____ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
107. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
108. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
109. fo____en love *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
110. inh____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
111. im____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
112. the mo__f of a music piece *n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music

ANSWERS: 102. vile, 103. slur, 104. triumph, 105. impulse, 106. startling, 107. novel, 108. blind, 109. forbidden, 110. inhabitant, 111. imaginary, 112. motif

113. ac____ed scream *adj.* subject to a curse or condemnation; deserving of punishment or ill-fate; disliked or despised
114. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
115. un____h a mystery *v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
116. inc_____te the current trends *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
117. animal mo__f *n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music
118. general ind_____nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
119. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
120. mythological l__e *n.* traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature
121. ins_____le expression *adj.* difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered

ANSWERS: 113. accursed, 114. refer, 115. unearth, 116. incorporate, 117. motif, 118. indifference, 119. icon, 120. lore, 121. inscrutable

122. save a pe__y *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
123. research met_____gy *n.* a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
124. wr__k further damage *v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
125. ancient my_____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
126. far-right ra___t *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
127. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
128. existence of a de__y *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
129. what an id__t *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
130. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
131. be___d the sunrise *v.* to look at and observe with attention

ANSWERS: 122. penny, 123. methodology, 124. wreak, 125. mythology, 126. racist, 127. invisible, 128. deity, 129. idiot, 130. employ, 131. behold

132. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
133. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
134. an in_____us crime *adj.* having a reputation for being very bad or wicked
135. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
136. an ap___l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
137. l__k in the darkness *v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
138. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
139. pa_____le energy *n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
140. ee___e silence *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
141. con_____ion of the system *n.* the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
142. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
143. fo_____en words *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

ANSWERS: 132. hint, 133. contemporary, 134. infamous, 135. reimagine, 136. appeal, 137. lurk, 138. discovery, 139. particle, 140. eerie, 141. configuration, 142. transcend, 143. forbidden

144. re_____ng decimals *adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
145. at___c bomb *adj.* of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)
146. con_____ty of service *n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern
147. ind_____nce to pain *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
148. death from sh___k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
149. X-___y scan *n.* a type of electromagnetic radiation that has a wavelength shorter than visible light allowing hidden objects such as bones and organs inside the body to be photographed
150. und_____red territory *adj.* not yet found or known
151. st___l at sea *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
152. midst of ch___s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
153. a sp___k of dust *n.* a very small spot, piece, or amount

ANSWERS: 144. recurring, 145. atomic, 146. continuity, 147. indifference, 148. shock, 149. X-ray, 150. undiscovered, 151. stall, 152. chaos, 153. speck

154. ma___n the enemy *v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
155. draw out your ap___l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
156. ra___t attitudes *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
157. expansion of the un____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
158. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
159. military l__e *n.* traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature
160. ni____re situation *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
161. a no____a set in a medieval kingdom *n.* a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel

ANSWERS: 154. madden, 155. appeal, 156. racist, 157. universe, 158. cast, 159. lore, 160. nightmare, 161. novella

162. st____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
163. a momentary gl____e *n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly
164. ant______ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
165. fo____re tradition *n.* traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally
166. bl__d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
167. in____ct lighting *adj.* happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way
168. sh____w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
169. a combative im____e *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

ANSWERS: 162. stumble, 163. glimpse, 164. anthropology, 165. folklore, 166. blend, 167. indirect, 168. shadow, 169. impulse

170. pro_____ce of nature *n.* the protective care or guidance of God or nature as a spiritual power; divine intervention; the timely preparation for future eventualities or emergencies
171. pla_____ity test *n.* the quality or state of seeming reasonable or believable; the likelihood or probability of something being true or valid
172. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
173. mon_____us routine *adj.* lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious
174. in_____ct taxation *adj.* happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way
175. engine con_____ion *n.* the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
176. price of cr__e oil *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
177. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
178. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
179. deep-rooted pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

ANSWERS: 170. providence, 171. plausibility, 172. survive, 173. monotonous, 174. indirect, 175. configuration, 176. crude, 177. novel, 178. mere, 179. prejudice

180. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
181. charged pa_____le *n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
182. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
183. ins_____ant amount *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
184. bl_____ne inheritance *n.* the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species
185. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assing or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
186. cor_____nd to a standard *v.* to match or be similar to something else almost exactly; to exchange messages
187. to a rec_____ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
188. Go___c novel *adj.* of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries
189. cause ha__c *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

ANSWERS: 180. mathematics, 181. particle, 182. lifetime, 183. insignificant, 184. bloodline, 185. cast, 186. correspond, 187. recognizable, 188. Gothic, 189. havoc

190. vi___m support	<i>n.</i> a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
191. lo___e a tumor	<i>v.</i> to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
192. rec_____ble landmark	<i>adj.</i> easy to become aware of or identify
193. exp_____on team	<i>n.</i> a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
194. di___e backgrounds	<i>adj.</i> including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
195. baseball p_l	<i>n.</i> a close friend
196. a grand con_____on	<i>n.</i> a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle
197. sp__k of suspicion	<i>n.</i> a very small spot, piece, or amount
198. a m_d person	<i>adj.</i> insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
199. co___c background radiation	<i>adj.</i> relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless
200. m__e acquaintance	<i>adj.</i> used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
201. li_____me ban from the sport	<i>n.</i> the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
202. me_____te shower	<i>n.</i> a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space

ANSWERS: 190. victim, 191. locate, 192. recognizable, 193. expedition, 194. diverse, 195. pal, 196. conception, 197. speck, 198. mad, 199. cosmic, 200. mere, 201. lifetime, 202. meteorite

203. st__l in a tunnel *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
204. pr___l fear *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
205. ou_____e its usefulness *v.* to live longer than another person
206. lacking pla_____ity *n.* the quality or state of seeming reasonable or believable; the likelihood or probability of something being true or valid
207. long-time p_l *n.* a close friend
208. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
209. play the fl__e *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end
210. color pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
211. gr_____c design *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
212. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

ANSWERS: 203. stall, 204. primal, 205. outlive, 206. plausibility, 207. pal, 208. violent, 209. flute, 210. prejudice, 211. graphic, 212. frightening

213. me__y stroke *n.* compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm
214. an in___e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
215. gl___e around nervously *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
216. s__r a drink *v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
217. second co___c velocity *adj.* relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless
218. fl__e music *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end
219. be____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
220. an attributive ad_____ve *n.* a word that describes a noun or pronoun
221. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
222. ar___e subject *adj.* mysterious or known only by a select few

ANSWERS: 213. mercy, 214. insane, 215. glance, 216. slur, 217. cosmic, 218. flute, 219. beneath, 220. adjective, 221. hell, 222. arcane

223. a polar exp_____on *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
224. the con_____on of the good *n.* a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle
225. pr___l eras *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
226. ge_____ic pattern *adj.* relating to or having the characteristics of geometry (= the shape, properties, and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids)
227. bl__d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
228. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
229. a habit des_____ve to health *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
230. tale from my_____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
231. ne___r garment *adj.* located beneath or below; lower in position; situated below the surface of the Earth; referring to the lower parts of the body
232. mo_____r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

ANSWERS: 223. expedition, 224. conception, 225. primal, 226. geometric, 227. blend, 228. survive, 229. destructive, 230. mythology, 231. nether, 232. monster

233. hereditary mu____on *n.* the way in which genes of a person, plant, animal, or other organism change and produce permanent differences
234. the per____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
235. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
236. in____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
237. gl____e at him miserably *v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
238. unf____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
239. confuse fa____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
240. play ha__c in the mind *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
241. dr____n wing *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
242. the early inh____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

ANSWERS: 233. mutation, 234. perspective, 235. refer, 236. inspire, 237. glance, 238. unfortunately, 239. fantasy, 240. havoc, 241. dragon, 242. inhabitant

243. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
244. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
245. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
246. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
247. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
248. nu_____us countries *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
249. beer fr__h *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
250. a joy to be___d *v.* to look at and observe with attention
251. horde of mo_____rs *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

ANSWERS: 243. adopt, 244. shadow, 245. progression, 246. inspire, 247. invention, 248. numerous, 249. froth, 250. behold, 251. monster

252. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
253. con_____ty plan *n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern
254. fi_____al character *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
255. me_____te impact *n.* a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space
256. the de__h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
257. de__y of commerce *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
258. ad___e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
259. the ground be_____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
260. sl__e bacteria *n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
261. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 252. modern, 253. continuity, 254. fictional, 255. meteorite, 256. depth, 257. deity, 258. admire, 259. beneath, 260. slime, 261. mathematics

262. sl__e mold *n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
263. t__e of knowledge *n.* a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book
264. ins_____le smile *adj.* difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered
265. ne___r lip *adj.* located beneath or below; lower in position; situated below the surface of the Earth; referring to the lower parts of the body
266. ho___r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
267. an ins_____ant mistake *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
268. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
269. wr__k a lot of changes *v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
270. have a ni_____re *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
271. go in___e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
272. ar___e knowledge *adj.* mysterious or known only by a select few
273. inc_____te technology into daily life *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity

ANSWERS: 262. slime, 263. tome, 264. inscrutable, 265. nether, 266. horror, 267. insignificant, 268. admire, 269. wreak, 270. nightmare, 271. insane, 272. arcane, 273. incorporate

274. im_____ry number

adj. existing only in someone's mind

ANSWERS: 274. imaginary

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.
adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
2. I tried to assume an air of _____.
n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
3. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
4. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
5. The cappuccino was topped with _____ making it look like a work of art.
n. a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
6. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
7. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
8. His _____ jokes made her angry.
adj. being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

ANSWERS: 1. graphic, 2. indifference, 3. discovery, 4. blind, 5. froth, 6. employ, 7. survive, 8. crude

9. Radiation often promotes genetic _____ in plants and animals.
n. the way in which genes of a person, plant, animal, or other organism change and produce permanent differences
10. Life as a waiter was a big _____ for him.
n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream
11. The _____ rituals of the secret society were known only to a select few.
adj. mysterious or known only by a select few
12. The jungle is full of _____ species waiting to be found.
adj. not yet found or known
13. The names of the company are entirely _____.
adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
14. The pond's _____ was around five feet.
n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
15. The village's _____ passed down stories of their ancestors and their traditions.
n. traditional knowledge, stories, or beliefs, often passed down through oral tradition; a body of knowledge or tradition that is often considered to be mythological or legendary in nature
16. The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the _____ horror of the experience.
adj. too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about

ANSWERS: 9. mutations, 10. nightmare, 11. arcane, 12. undiscovered, 13. fictional, 14. depth, 15. lore, 16. unspeakable

17. He was ____ with joy to see the results.

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

18. The storm wreaked _____ on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

n. widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

19. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

20. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

21. This accident ____ a dark shadow over their lives.

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

22. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

23. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

24. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

ANSWERS: 17. mad, 18. havoc, 19. shadow, 20. disturb, 21. cast, 22. stereotypes, 23. progression, 24. encouraging

25. With the war's end, they have begun a gradual retreat from their _____.
- n.* a small military camp at some distance from the main army, used mainly to observe an enemy's movements, etc.
26. His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to _____.
- v.* to look at and observe with attention
27. The _____ curse had been passed down through generations of the family.
- adj.* subject to a curse or condemnation; deserving of punishment or ill-fate; disliked or despised
28. These descriptions are based on a number of _____ assumptions.
- adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
29. He expressed his dissatisfaction in an _____ way.
- adj.* happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way
30. The repeating floral _____ in the wallpaper added a touch of elegance to the room.
- n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music
31. The _____ surrounding the famous artist's life has been the subject of many books and movies.
- n.* the collection of beliefs, stories, and cultural narratives that define the values, traditions, and identity of a particular group, community, or society
32. Taking photographs inside the museum is _____.
- adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

ANSWERS: 25. outposts, 26. behold, 27. accursed, 28. numerous, 29. indirect, 30. motif, 31. mythos, 32. forbidden

33. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

34. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

35. The beauty of the sunset was _____ leaving me in awe of its splendor.

adj. not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language

36. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

37. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

38. The _____ fragments were collected and sent to a laboratory for analysis.

n. a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space

39. The stories of war crimes filled her with _____.

n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

40. He got an electric _____ at work.

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

ANSWERS: 33. frightening, 34. inhabitant, 35. indescribable, 36. modern, 37. admire, 38. meteorite, 39. horror, 40. shock

41. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.

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

42. The _____ comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

43. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

44. The new champion racehorse came from a long line of strong _____.

n. the hereditary line of descent of a group of related individuals; the genetic lineage or ancestry of a family, group, or species

45. The _____ task of data entry required intense concentration.

adj. lacking in variety, excitement, or interest; repetitive and tedious

46. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.

adj. belonging to the same or present time

47. The _____ shapes and patterns in the artwork are visually stunning.

adj. relating to or having the characteristics of geometry (= the shape, properties, and relations of points, lines, surfaces, solids)

48. The _____ solo in the symphony was beautiful and elevated the overall performance.

n. a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end

ANSWERS: 41. novel, 42. racist, 43. imaginary, 44. bloodlines, 45. monotonous, 46. Contemporary, 47. geometric, 48. flute

49. Carbon has an _____ mass of 12.

adj. of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)

50. 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

51. The _____ criminal was finally brought to justice.

adj. having a reputation for being very bad or wicked

52. The area's _____ tells of a ghost that haunts the old mill.

n. traditional customs, beliefs, stories, and songs of a community, passed down orally

53. The _____ instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

54. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

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

55. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

56. I have no _____ of what you intend.

n. a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle

57. The scientific theories presented in the book were _____ even to non-experts.

adj. able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth

ANSWERS: 49. atomic, 50. particles, 51. infamous, 52. folklore, 53. primal, 54. inspired, 55. unfortunately, 56. conception, 57. fathomable

58. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

59. This car has a _____ engine.

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

60. The doctor ordered an _____ to see if there was any damage to the bones.

n. a type of electromagnetic radiation that has a wavelength shorter than visible light allowing hidden objects such as bones and organs inside the body to be photographed

61. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

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

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

63. The kids loved playing with the green _____ but it was a nightmare to clean up.

n. a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet

64. We will attempt to _____ some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

v. to include something as a part of a larger entity

65. She _____ her husband for many years.

v. to live longer than another person

ANSWERS: 58. nuclear, 59. monster, 60. X-ray, 61. transcended, 62. poem, 63. slime, 64. incorporate, 65. outlived

66. The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally _____.

- v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

67. Our team caught a _____ of the world-class technique in this game.

- n.* a brief or partial view; the act of seeing something or someone for a very short time or only partly

68. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.

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

69. The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun _____ Ra was the most powerful god.

- n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

70. A _____ back pain interfered with his concentration.

- adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly

71. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.

- v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

72. This community is free of social _____.

- n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

73. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.

- adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something

ANSWERS: 66. stalled, 67. glimpse, 68. universe, 69. deity, 70. recurring, 71. reimagine, 72. prejudice, 73. beneath

74. The _____ smell coming from the dumpster was unbearable.

adj. highly offensive, unpleasant, or objectionable; morally reprehensible or wicked; characterized by cruelty or violence

75. The child began to _____ when his mom said they couldn't go to the park.

v. to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner

76. He describes the story with _____ reality.

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

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

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

78. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

79. The virus has _____ havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.

v. to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events

80. The _____ to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.

n. a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

ANSWERS: 74. vile, 75. whine, 76. startling, 77. anthropology, 78. violent, 79. wreaked, 80. expedition

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

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

82. The battlefield became _____ on earth.

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

83. I am reading a famous _____ about a group of friends who go on a road trip.

n. a written work of fiction that is longer than a short story but shorter than a novel

84. The street was entirely silent and a bit _____.

adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural

85. He acted like an _____ and spilled his drink all over the floor.

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

86. He experienced nausea after eating live _____.

n. a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

87. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents _____ at every corner.

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

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

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

ANSWERS: 81. diverse, 82. hell, 83. novella, 84. eerie, 85. idiot, 86. octopus, 87. lurks, 88. perspective

89. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.
- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
90. The mystery surrounding the lost city's _____ ruins has intrigued archaeologists for decades.
- adj.* difficult to understand or interpret; mysterious or enigmatic; not easily read or deciphered
91. I found a lucky _____ on the ground while walking to work this morning.
- n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
92. It was the most _____ storm in decades.
- adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
93. She is a pen _____ of mine.
- n.* a close friend
94. I casually _____ into the small hut.
- v.* to give a quick or brief look; to hit something at an angle
95. I spent the whole weekend reading an academic _____ about medieval history.
- n.* a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book
96. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.
- v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
97. He made me feel small and _____.
- adj.* of little importance, influence, or power

ANSWERS: 89. fantasy, 90. inscrutable, 91. penny, 92. destructive, 93. pal, 94. glanced, 95. tome, 96. blend, 97. insignificant

98. He begged for _____ and pleaded for his life.

- n.* compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm

99. Necessity is the mother of _____.

- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

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

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

101. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

102. He studies Greek and Roman _____.

- n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

103. The plane was just a _____ in the sky.

- n.* a very small spot, piece, or amount

104. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

- n.* a living being, especially an animal

105. The discovery of the _____ soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

- adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

ANSWERS: 98. mercy, 99. invention, 100. dragons, 101. refer, 102. mythology, 103. speck, 104. creature, 105. primordial

106. The _____ of molecules in steel changes significantly with temperature.

n. the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things

107. The _____ architecture of the cathedral was awe-inspiring.

adj. of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries

108. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

109. His car was easily _____ in the parking lot.

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

110. The sudden departure of the team leader disrupted the project's _____.

n. the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern

111. We all _____ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

112. _____ rays are high-energy particles that originate from outside the solar system.

adj. relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless

113. The _____ regions of the building were dark and musty.

adj. located beneath or below; lower in position; situated below the surface of the Earth; referring to the lower parts of the body

ANSWERS: 106. configuration, 107. Gothic, 108. invisible, 109. recognizable, 110. continuity, 111. dread, 112. Cosmic, 113. nether

114. Nerve _____ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

n. a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

115. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

116. The national assembly has _____ the budget.

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

117. He lost the election by _____ votes.

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

118. He shouldn't be allowed to _____ people based on race or sexuality.

v. to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

119. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

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

120. She _____ over the tree root.

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

121. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

ANSWERS: 114. impulses, 115. largely, 116. adopted, 117. mere, 118. slur, 119. locate, 120. stumbled, 121. victim

122. Truth is stranger than _____.

- n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

123. The _____ of the witness's testimony was called into question during the trial.

- n.* the quality or state of seeming reasonable or believable; the likelihood or probability of something being true or valid

124. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.

- n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

125. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.

- n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

126. Her excessive demands drove me _____.

- adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

127. The detective _____ a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.

- v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown

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

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

129. He has a flair for _____.

- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 122. fiction, 123. plausibility, 124. icons, 125. chaos, 126. insane, 127. unearthed, 128. appeal, 129. mathematics

130. We are developing a new _____ for assessing marketing measures.
n. a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
131. The numbers on the sign _____ to points on the map.
v. to match or be similar to something else almost exactly; to exchange messages
132. The slow internet connection _____ him as he tried to stream his favorite show.
v. to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
133. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
134. The success of our business venture was attributed to the guiding hand of _____.
n. the protective care or guidance of God or nature as a spiritual power; divine intervention; the timely preparation for future eventualities or emergencies
135. The _____ "red" describes the color of the apple.
n. a word that describes a noun or pronoun
136. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.
n. a great victory or achievement
137. There was no _____ of a problem.
n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

ANSWERS: 130. methodology, 131. correspond, 132. maddened, 133. lifetime, 134. providence, 135. adjective, 136. triumph, 137. hint

ANSWERS: