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Session 1: Word List

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

wright

n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

synonym: builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding

relationship.

skyscraper

n. a very tall building, typically one in a city

synonym: high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed **skyscraper**

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym: building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

elevator

n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

synonym: lift, hoist

(1) **elevator** ride, (2) modern **elevator**

The hotel's **elevator** was out of order, so we had to take the

stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym: offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

titanic

adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

synonym: colossal, massive, immense

(1) **titanic** battle, (2) **titanic** compound

The **titanic** ship sank on its maiden voyage.

miracle

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

synonym: wonder, marvel, phenomenon

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

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

structure

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

of many parts

synonym : construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

construct

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

synonym : build, assemble, create

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

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

gravitational

adj. relating to or caused by gravity (= the force that attracts objects towards one another)

synonym : weighty, heavy, earthbound

(1) **gravitational** energy, (2) **gravitational** waves

The **gravitational** force of the black hole was so strong that nothing, not even light, could escape.

principle

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

synonym : rule, creed, code

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

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

dictate

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

synonym : read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym :

archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

pyramid

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

synonym: monument, edifice, tomb

(1) **pyramid** architecture, (2) a truncated **pyramid**

The Egyptian **pyramids** consist of a vast number of blocks.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

squeeze

v. to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

synonym: compress, crush, clamp

(1) **squeeze** a lemon, (2) **squeeze** a confession

She **squeezed** the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

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

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

concrete

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

synonym : actual, factual, hardened

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

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

impractical

adj. not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome

synonym : impracticable, unrealizable, unfeasible

(1) **impractical** idea, (2) **impractical** solution

It is **impractical** to expect everyone to work for free.

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.

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.

reinforce

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

synonym : strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym : iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

strength

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

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

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

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

polymer

n. a substance composed of macromolecules (= large groups of atoms) made from many smaller and simpler molecules

(1) **polymer** fiber, (2) biological **polymer**

We are developing plant-derived **polymers** to reduce environmental impact.

crack

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

synonym: snap, burst, break

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

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

withstand

v. to resist the effect or impact of something

synonym: endure, bear, resist

(1) **withstand** pressure, (2) **withstand** temptation

The new phone is waterproof and can **withstand** being dropped in water.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym: descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym: skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

pile

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

synonym: accumulation, heap, stack

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

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

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

friction

n. the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects

synonym: rub, scrape, resistance

(1) **friction** force, (2) surface **friction**

The **friction** between the two countries was causing tension.

sizable

adj. large in size or amount

synonym: large, significant, considerable

(1) **sizable** portion, (2) **sizable** audience

He has a **sizable** fortune and is one of the wealthiest people in the city.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

gravity

n. the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a

manner that is solemn

synonym: heaviness, attraction, weight

(1) the attraction of **gravity**, (2) preserve my **gravity**

The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of **gravity**.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

exert

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

synonym: exert, apply, use

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence

He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

high-rise

adj. describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories

synonym: tall building, skyscraper, high building

(1) **high-rise** building, (2) **high-rise** office

Living in a **high-rise** apartment offers spectacular views of the city.

gust

n. a sudden, strong rush of wind or air

synonym: blast, flurry, burst

(1) sudden **gust**, (2) strong **gusts**

The **gust** of wind nearly knocked me off my feet as I walked

to work.

aerodynamics

n. the study of the motion of air, particularly its interaction with solid objects moving through it, such as aircraft or cars

synonym : aeromechanics, aeronautics, airflow

(1) **aerodynamics** research, (2) **aerodynamics** design

The **aerodynamics** of the car allowed it to glide smoothly through the air.

sleek

adj. smooth and glossy in appearance or texture; streamlined and elegant in design or form; characterized by a polished or refined style or appearance

synonym : glossy, streamlined, polished

(1) **sleek** car, (2) **sleek** black dress

The car's **sleek**, aerodynamic design made it look fast even when standing still.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

bearing

n. the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

synonym : demeanor, posture, manner

(1) a thrust **bearing**, (2) a military **bearing**

The pilot had to adjust the plane's **bearing** to stay on course.

frame

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

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

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

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

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
synonym: consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

sway

v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

synonym: swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

synonym: cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

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.

counterweight

n. a weight that balances or opposes another weight to achieve stability or equilibrium; a weight that is used to offset the weight of another object or to provide mechanical advantage

synonym: balance, counterbalance, counterpoise

(1) **counterweight** system, (2) **counterweight** balance

The **counterweight** on the suspension bridge helped keep it stable during windy conditions.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

tune

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

synonym: melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

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

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

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

damp

adj. slightly wet or moist; characterized by a lack of warmth, enthusiasm, or energy; depressing or dispiriting

synonym: moist, dampened, wet

(1) **damp** cloth, (2) **damp** weather

The clothes were still **damp** after being in the dryer for an hour.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

suspend

v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

synonym: stop, postpone, adjourn

(1) **suspend** a decision, (2) **suspend** fruits from the ceiling
The University **suspended** the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

orb

n. a sphere or ball-shaped object, often referring to celestial bodies such as planets or stars

synonym: globe, sphere, ball

(1) **orb** of light, (2) crystal **orb**

The planet Venus appeared as a bright **orb** in the sky during the night.

kinetic

adj. of or relating to motion or the forces that cause motion

synonym: active, dynamic, lively

(1) **kinetic** friction, (2) **kinetic** motion

The **kinetic** energy of the falling object increased as it fell.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

trail

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

synonym: footpath, track, course

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

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

hydraulic

adj. relating to water or other liquids in motion or to the machinery or systems that use liquid pressure to perform work or operate mechanisms

synonym : fluid-operated, water-powered, pressurized

(1) **hydraulic** pump, (2) **hydraulic** power unit

The **hydraulic** lift easily lifted the heavy boxes to the upper floor.

cylinder

n. a solid or hollow geometric figure with two round ends and long straight sides, or an object shaped like this

(1) a six- **cylinder** engine, (2) a ventilation **cylinder**

The gas was trapped inside the **cylinders** under high pressure.

convert

v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

synonym : alter, remake, transform

(1) **convert** fat into energy, (2) **convert** base 10 to base 16

I want to **convert** my sadness into strength.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym : brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym : sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

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.

cabin

n. a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep

synonym : hut, cottage, shack

(1) **cabin** crew, (2) log **cabin**

The quaint **cabin** in the woods was the perfect retreat for a weekend getaway.

magnetic

adj. having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel

synonym : attractive, drawing, hypnotic

(1) **magnetic** field, (2) a **magnetic** tape

The **magnetic** force of the earth keeps our planet spinning.

rail

n. a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

synonym : bar, beam, (verb) criticize

(1) **rail** system, (2) **rail** against his enemies

The children leaned over the bridge **rail** to watch the fish swimming below.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

algorithm

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

synonym: logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing

We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

rider

n. a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message

synonym: passenger, commuter, traveler

(1) a motorcycle **rider**, (2) **rider** to a bill

The horse **rider** won first place in the equestrian competition.

destination

n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

synonym: location, endpoint, target

(1) travel **destination**, (2) romantic **destinations**

I am excited to reach my **destination** and explore the new city finally.

architectural

adj. of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures

synonym: structural, building, constructive

(1) study **architectural** engineering, (2) beautiful **architectural** landmarks

The **architectural** style of the building was a mix of modern and traditional.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. study arc _____ral engineering *adj.* of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures
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34. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
35. pr____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 27. rider, 28. cylinder, 29. friction, 30. tower, 31. exert, 32. modern, 33. suspend, 34. pile, 35. propose

36. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
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42. gra_____nal energy *adj.* relating to or caused by gravity (= the force that attracts objects towards one another)
43. tr_____te the emotion to a
movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
44. the RSA al_____hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
45. de__t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
46. in st___e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

ANSWERS: 36. pound, 37. destination, 38. kinetic, 39. mere, 40. instance, 41. weigh, 42. gravitational, 43. translate, 44. algorithm, 45. defeat, 46. stable

47. py____d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
48. aer_____ics design *n.* the study of the motion of air, particularly its interaction with solid objects moving through it, such as aircraft or cars
49. su____d a decision *v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
50. a warm tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
51. d__p cloth *adj.* slightly wet or moist; characterized by a lack of warmth, enthusiasm, or energy; depressing or dispiriting
52. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
53. wi_____nd pressure *v.* to resist the effect or impact of something
54. o_b of light *n.* a sphere or ball-shaped object, often referring to celestial bodies such as planets or stars

ANSWERS: 47. pyramid, 48. aerodynamics, 49. suspend, 50. trail, 51. damp, 52. argue, 53. withstand, 54. orb

55. r__l system *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
56. hi_____se building *adj.* describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories
57. preserve my gr_____y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
58. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
59. a ventilation cy_____er *n.* a solid or hollow geometric figure with two round ends and long straight sides, or an object shaped like this
60. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
61. s__y to the rhythm *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
62. travel des_____on *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

ANSWERS: 55. rail, 56. high-rise, 57. gravity, 58. bury, 59. cylinder, 60. lean, 61. sway, 62. destination

63. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
64. de____t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
65. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
66. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
67. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
68. hi_____se office *adj.* describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories
69. ri__r to a bill *n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message
70. steel-framed sky_____er *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
71. ab____b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
72. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

ANSWERS: 63. collapse, 64. defeat, 65. structure, 66. quarter, 67. collapse, 68. high-rise, 69. rider, 70. skyscraper, 71. absorb, 72. ancient

73. the attraction of gr____y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
74. ex__t control *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
75. gra_____nal waves *adj.* relating to or caused by gravity (= the force that attracts objects towards one another)
76. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
77. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
78. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
79. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
80. hy_____ic power unit *adj.* relating to water or other liquids in motion or to the machinery or systems that use liquid pressure to perform work or operate mechanisms
81. imp_____al idea *adj.* not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome
82. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 73. gravity, 74. exert, 75. gravitational, 76. fortunate, 77. architect, 78. argue, 79. frank, 80. hydraulic, 81. impractical, 82. mass

83. sq_____e a confession *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
84. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
85. po_____r fiber *n.* a substance composed of macromolecules (= large groups of atoms) made from many smaller and simpler molecules
86. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
87. sl__k black dress *adj.* smooth and glossy in appearance or texture; streamlined and elegant in design or form; characterized by a polished or refined style or appearance
88. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
89. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
90. imp_____al solution *adj.* not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome

ANSWERS: 83. squeeze, 84. traffic, 85. polymer, 86. mass, 87. sleek, 88. steel, 89. principle, 90. impractical

91. ki____c friction *adj.* of or relating to motion or the forces that cause motion
92. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
93. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
94. strong g__ts *n.* a sudden, strong rush of wind or air
95. co____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
96. ab____b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
97. di____e to the associate *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
98. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
99. a ma____ic tape *adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel
100. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
101. a thrust be____g *n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

ANSWERS: 91. kinetic, 92. bury, 93. pile, 94. gust, 95. concrete, 96. absorb, 97. dictate, 98. opportune, 99. magnetic, 100. opportune, 101. bearing

102. details of his pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
103. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
104. economic mi____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
105. wi_____nd temptation *v.* to resist the effect or impact of something
106. fr_____on force *n.* the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
107. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
108. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
109. sudden g__t *n.* a sudden, strong rush of wind or air
110. end of the first qu____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
111. aer_____ics research *n.* the study of the motion of air, particularly its interaction with solid objects moving through it, such as aircraft or cars

ANSWERS: 102. proposal, 103. weigh, 104. miracle, 105. withstand, 106. friction, 107. architect, 108. construct, 109. gust, 110. quarter, 111. aerodynamics

112. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
113. co_____t base 10 to base 16 *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
114. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
115. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
116. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
117. ca__n crew *n.* a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep
118. a car-wr____t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
119. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
120. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
121. sq_____e a lemon *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

ANSWERS: 112. mere, 113. convert, 114. traffic, 115. roughly, 116. frame, 117. cabin, 118. wright, 119. fortunate, 120. propose, 121. squeeze

122. di____e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
123. re_____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
124. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
125. bl__d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
126. aircraft wr____t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
127. em____y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
128. sky_____er apartment house *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
129. modern el_____or *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
130. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
131. d__p weather *adj.* slightly wet or moist; characterized by a lack of warmth, enthusiasm, or energy; depressing or dispiriting
132. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

ANSWERS: 122. dictate, 123. reinforce, 124. instance, 125. blend, 126. wright, 127. employ, 128. skyscraper, 129. elevator, 130. strength, 131. damp, 132. frank

133. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
134. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
135. s__y back and forth *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
136. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
137. ti____c compound *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
138. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
139. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
140. si____e portion *adj.* large in size or amount

ANSWERS: 133. pound, 134. crack, 135. sway, 136. modern, 137. titanic, 138. overcome, 139. sink, 140. sizable

141. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
142. an innovative pr_____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
143. bl__d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
144. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
145. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
146. l__n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
147. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
148. the ravages of a hu_____ne *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
149. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
150. ma_____ic field *adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel
151. sl__k car *adj.* smooth and glossy in appearance or texture; streamlined and elegant in design or form; characterized by a polished or refined style or appearance

ANSWERS: 141. critic, 142. proposal, 143. blend, 144. employ, 145. roughly, 146. lean, 147. principle, 148. hurricane, 149. crack, 150. magnetic, 151. sleek

152. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
153. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
154. log ca__n *n.* a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep
155. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
156. si_____e audience *adj.* large in size or amount
157. have a st___e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
158. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
159. a military be_____g *n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

ANSWERS: 152. engineer, 153. frame, 154. cabin, 155. structure, 156. sizable, 157. stable, 158. overcome, 159. bearing

160. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
161. biological po_____r *n.* a substance composed of macromolecules (= large groups of atoms) made from many smaller and simpler molecules
162. follow the tr___l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
163. the t___e of a song *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
164. crystal o_b *n.* a sphere or ball-shaped object, often referring to celestial bodies such as planets or stars
165. a bell to___r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
166. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
167. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 160. construct, 161. polymer, 162. trail, 163. tune, 164. orb, 165. tower, 166. movement, 167. movement

168. cou_____ght balance

n. a weight that balances or opposes another weight to achieve stability or equilibrium; a weight that is used to offset the weight of another object or to provide mechanical advantage

ANSWERS: 168. counterweight

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
2. The University _____ the most recalcitrant demonstrators.
v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
3. The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of _____.
n. the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
4. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
5. The pilot had to adjust the plane's _____ to stay on course.
n. the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another
6. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.
n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
7. The allies _____ the terms of surrender to the country.
v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

ANSWERS: 1. movement, 2. suspended, 3. gravity, 4. frank, 5. bearing, 6. hurricane, 7. dictated

8. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
9. He _____ himself to lift the heavyweight.
v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
10. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
11. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.
n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
12. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.
n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
13. The _____ style of the building was a mix of modern and traditional.
adj. of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures
14. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.
n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
15. Living in a _____ apartment offers spectacular views of the city.
adj. describing a tall building or structure that has many floors or levels above the ground, often used to describe residential or commercial buildings in urban areas with multiple stories

ANSWERS: 8. collapsed, 9. exerted, 10. mass, 11. proposal, 12. steel, 13. architectural, 14. miracle, 15. high-rise

16. The planet Venus appeared as a bright ____ in the sky during the night.
- n.* a sphere or ball-shaped object, often referring to celestial bodies such as planets or stars
17. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
18. The president asked for a more _____ plan.
- adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
19. The _____ lift easily lifted the heavy boxes to the upper floor.
- adj.* relating to water or other liquids in motion or to the machinery or systems that use liquid pressure to perform work or operate mechanisms
20. The abandoned ship slowly began to ____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
- v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
21. The _____ between the two countries was causing tension.
- n.* the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
22. The _____ energy of the falling object increased as it fell.
- adj.* of or relating to motion or the forces that cause motion
23. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.
- n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

ANSWERS: 16. orb, 17. constructs, 18. concrete, 19. hydraulic, 20. sink, 21. friction, 22. kinetic, 23. piles

24. The quaint _____ in the woods was the perfect retreat for a weekend getaway.
- n.* a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep
25. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
26. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
- adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
27. The car's _____ aerodynamic design made it look fast even when standing still.
- adj.* smooth and glossy in appearance or texture; streamlined and elegant in design or form; characterized by a polished or refined style or appearance
28. He has a _____ fortune and is one of the wealthiest people in the city.
- adj.* large in size or amount
29. The _____ on the suspension bridge helped keep it stable during windy conditions.
- n.* a weight that balances or opposes another weight to achieve stability or equilibrium; a weight that is used to offset the weight of another object or to provide mechanical advantage
30. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 24. cabin, 25. opportune, 26. giant, 27. sleek, 28. sizable, 29. counterweight, 30. traffic

31. The horse _____ won first place in the equestrian competition.
- n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message
32. The Egyptian _____ consist of a vast number of blocks.
- n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
33. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.
- n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
34. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
- v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
35. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.
- n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
36. The 50-floor _____ loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.
- n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
37. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
- adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
38. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
- v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

ANSWERS: 31. rider, 32. pyramids, 33. algorithm, 34. employ, 35. tower, 36. skyscraper, 37. Lean, 38. overcome

39. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language
40. I want to _____ my sadness into strength.
v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
41. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
42. The raising of interest rates _____ the inflation rate.
v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
43. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
44. The _____ ship sank on its maiden voyage.
adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
45. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
46. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
47. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 39. Translate, 40. convert, 41. principle, 42. stabilizes, 43. quarter, 44. titanic, 45. propose, 46. crack, 47. modern

48. The clothes were still _____ after being in the dryer for an hour.

adj. slightly wet or moist; characterized by a lack of warmth, enthusiasm, or energy; depressing or dispiriting

49. The _____ force of the earth keeps our planet spinning.

adj. having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel

50. We are developing plant-derived _____ to reduce environmental impact.

n. a substance composed of macromolecules (= large groups of atoms) made from many smaller and simpler molecules

51. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

52. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

53. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

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

54. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

55. The hotel's _____ was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

ANSWERS: 48. damp, 49. magnetic, 50. polymers, 51. roughly, 52. engineer, 53. structure, 54. blend, 55. elevator

56. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

57. The _____ of the car allowed it to glide smoothly through the air.

n. the study of the motion of air, particularly its interaction with solid objects moving through it, such as aircraft or cars

58. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

59. The _____ of wind nearly knocked me off my feet as I walked to work.

n. a sudden, strong rush of wind or air

60. The children leaned over the bridge _____ to watch the fish swimming below.

n. a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

61. I am excited to reach my _____ and explore the new city finally.

n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

62. The gas was trapped inside the _____ under high pressure.

n. a solid or hollow geometric figure with two round ends and long straight sides, or an object shaped like this

63. The storm left a _____ of destruction behind it.

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

ANSWERS: 56. stable, 57. aerodynamics, 58. defeat, 59. gust, 60. rail, 61. destination, 62. cylinders, 63. trail

64. The _____ force of the black hole was so strong that nothing, not even light, could escape.
adj. relating to or caused by gravity (= the force that attracts objects towards one another)
65. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
66. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
67. The band played a beautiful _____ on their instruments.
n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
68. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
69. She _____ the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.
v. to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
70. The politician tried to _____ public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.
v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
71. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

ANSWERS: 64. gravitational, 65. critics, 66. instances, 67. tune, 68. bury, 69. squeezed, 70. sway, 71. pounds

72. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

73. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

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

74. The sponge _____ water well.

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

75. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

76. She was a skilled _____ able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

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

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

78. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

adj. having good luck or lucky

79. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

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

ANSWERS: 72. ancient, 73. strength, 74. absorbs, 75. architect, 76. wright, 77. frame, 78. fortunate, 79. argue

80. The new phone is waterproof and can _____ being dropped in water.

v. to resist the effect or impact of something

81. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

82. It is _____ to expect everyone to work for free.

adj. not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome

83. He lost the election by _____ votes.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 80. withstand, 81. weighs, 82. impractical, 83. mere, 84. reinforce