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Session 1: Word List

bliss

n. extreme happiness or joy
synonym: delight, euphoria, happiness

(1) ignorance is **bliss**, (2) ultimate **bliss**

The first two years of her marriage were sheer **bliss**.

blaze

v. to burst into flame or light up intensely; to move in a trailblazing manner; to shine brightly or conspicuously
synonym: burn, flame, ignite

(1) **blaze** a trail, (2) **blaze** with fury

The forest fire continued to **blaze** out of control, threatening nearby homes.

flame

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
synonym: blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

ray

n. a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
synonym: beam, light, glimmer

(1) opaque to X- **rays**, (2) effect of cosmic **rays**

Gamma **rays** penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

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.

ban

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

synonym: forbid, prohibit, restrict

(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning

We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

possess

v. to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

synonym: keep, maintain, own

(1) **possess** a basic knowledge, (2) **possess** divine powers

He **possesses** a good sense of humor.

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**.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

firefighter

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym : distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

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**.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

expression

n. the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look

or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood

synonym : statement, utterance, remark

(1) artistic **expression**, (2) **expression** of interest

His facial **expression** showed a mix of surprise and confusion.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym : interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

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.

monopoly

n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

synonym : cartel, trust, ownership

(1) a government **monopoly**, (2) **monopoly** in distribution

The government strived to protect its tobacco **monopoly**.

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

synonym : wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files

He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

subway

n. an underground railway system, typically in a city
synonym: underground, metro, tube

(1) **subway** train, (2) rapid transit **subway**

He took the **subway** to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

blast

n. explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

synonym: blow, burst, explosion

(1) a **blast** of wind, (2) an icy **blast**

The **blast** shattered the laboratory equipment.

parlor

n. a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents

synonym: living room, salon, lounge

(1) **parlor** game, (2) beauty **parlor**

The family gathered in the **parlor** to celebrate their grandmother's 90th birthday.

plastered

adj. made smooth by applying a sticky or glossy substance; very drunk

synonym: coated, smeared, drunk

(1) **plastered** walls, (2) get absolutely **plastered**

The wall was **plastered** with posters and graffiti.

kerosene

n. a flammable, colorless, or pale yellow liquid derived from the distillation of petroleum, used as a fuel for lamps, stoves, and heaters

synonym: fuel oil, lamp oil, coal oil

(1) **kerosene** stove, (2) burning **kerosene**

The lamp in the cabin burned **kerosene** for light.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

mechanical

adj. operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

synonym : machinelike, automated, automatic

(1) a **mechanical** style of writing, (2) the influence of **mechanical** action

A **mechanical** engineer is still in demand in many companies.

hound

v. to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way;
(noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity

synonym : chase, badger, annoy

(1) beagle **hound**, (2) **hound** him for payment

The paparazzi constantly **hound** celebrities for a photo or a story.

alarm

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

synonym : notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock

The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

surge

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

synonym : rush, spate, deluge

(1) a **surge** of shoppers, (2) the **surge** in foreign tourism

She drowned her **surge** of anger through her creative work.

salamander

n. any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed

synonym : amphibian

(1) terrestrial **salamander**, (2) semiaquatic **salamander**
We plan to raise a giant **salamander** as a pet.

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.

ablaze

adj. on fire; burning brightly

synonym: burning, alight, on fire

(1) sky **ablaze** with stars, (2) **ablaze** with passion

The building was **ablaze** with fire.

butterfly

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

occasionally

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

synonym: periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change the routine

She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym: ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

contraband

n. goods that are prohibited from being imported or exported, or otherwise possessed and traded without proper authorization or legal permission

synonym:

illegal goods, smuggled goods, bootleg

(1) **contraband** goods, (2) **contraband** detection dog

The police discovered **contraband** in the back of the suspect's vehicle.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym: incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

uneasy

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

synonym: anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

descriptive

adj. serving to describe or inform, or characterized by description

synonym: clarifying, explanatory, elucidative

(1) write a **descriptive** essay, (2) **descriptive** grammar

This movie is **descriptive** of his intellectual exploration.

utter

adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

synonym: absolute, complete, total

(1) **utter** nonsense, (2) **utter** a big sigh

The **utter** chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

phrase

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

synonym: expression, idiom, term

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

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym: control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise

The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

surveillance

n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

synonym: administration, overseeing, control

(1) he is kept under **surveillance**, (2) **surveillance** cameras

The novel contains a criticism of the **surveillance** society.

virtual

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

synonym: practical

(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies

She is the **virtual** president of the company.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to

see

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

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

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

prescient

adj. having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic

synonym : prophetic, foresighted, intuitive

(1) **prescient** dream, (2) **prescient** vision

The **prescient** investor predicted the market crash and sold his stocks before it happened.

kindle

v. to start a fire; to light

synonym : ignite, light, start

(1) **kindle** strife, (2) **kindle** a passion

He **kindled** a fire in the fireplace to warm the room.

widespread

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

synonym : across-the-board, overall, general

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

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

paranoia

n. a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability

synonym : suspicion, mistrust, delusions

(1) encourage **paranoia**, (2) suffering from **paranoia**

His **paranoia** about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
synonym: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

suppression

n. the act of stopping or preventing something from being expressed or revealed

synonym: repression, oppression, restriction

(1) the **suppression** of bandits, (2) **suppression** of estrogen

The government imposed a **suppression** of freedom of speech.

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym: harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

investigation

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

synonym:

examination, analysis, inspection

(1) a preliminary **investigation**, (2) the scope of an **investigation**

We have never before conducted a legitimate **investigation**.

witch

n. a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

synonym: sorceress, enchantress, healer

(1) **witch** hunt, (2) **witch** trial

Many people in the medieval period believed in **witches** and their ability to cast spells.

hunt

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

synonym: chase, pursuit, quest

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

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

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

communist

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

synonym: socialist, marxist, leninist

(1) **communist** party, (2) **communist** activist

During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of **communist** ideology.

sympathy

n. the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions

synonym: compassion, empathy, understanding

(1) **sympathy** card, (2) feel **sympathy**

I expressed my **sympathy** to my friend after her cat passed away.

crackdown

n. a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior

synonym: clampdown, sweep, repression

(1) a citywide **crackdown**, (2) strict **crackdown**

The government announced a **crackdown** on illegal activities in the city.

precedent

n. a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future

synonym: example, model, pattern

(1) break with **precedent**, (2) a bad **precedent**

The court used previous **precedents** to make its decision.

censorship

n. the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security

synonym: restriction, suppression

(1) clear **censorship** by the Education Ministry, (2) form of **censorship**

Newspapers were subjected to **censorship** a few days later.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

burning

adj. intense or scorching heat

synonym: scorching, blazing, smoldering

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

The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a

burning inferno.

fascist

adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

synonym : authoritarian, dictatorial, totalitarian

(1) **fascist** propaganda, (2) **fascist** policies

The regime was accused of being **fascist** for their oppressive tactics.

regime

n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

synonym : administration, establishment, government

(1) a puppet **regime**, (2) exercise **regime**

Totalitarian **regimes** are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

chill

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

synonym : coldness, coolness, (verb) freeze

(1) the **chill** of autumn, (2) feel a slight **chill**

His swear words cast a **chill** on the party.

temperature

n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

synonym : climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric **temperature**

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

accuracy

n. the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

synonym : precision, exactness, truthfulness

(1) degree of **accuracy**, (2) the **accuracy** of his compass

To assure **accuracy**, I recommend investing in high-quality

test kits.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

masterpiece

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

synonym: classic, chef-d'oeuvre, magnum opus

(1) literary **masterpiece**, (2) a **masterpiece** of design

The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a **masterpiece** of art.

dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

synonym: anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

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**.

genre

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

synonym: type, category, style

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

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

- feat** *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit
(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment
It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- consequence** *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
synonym: result, impact, outcome
(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument
These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.
- extreme** *adj.* very great in amount or degree
synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce
(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events
Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.
- impose** *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
synonym: charge, levy, foist
(1) **impose** harsher sanctions, (2) **impose** tariffs
The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they **impose** on students.
- constrict** *v.* to make something narrow or tight, often restricting movement or flow; to become narrow or tighter
synonym: squeeze, compress, tighten
(1) **constrict** blood vessels, (2) **constrict** freedom
The snake's muscles began to **constrict** around its prey.
- unwilling** *adj.* not ready or wanting to do something
synonym: disinclined, involuntary, reluctant
(1) **unwilling** look, (2) in an **unwilling** voice

They were **unwilling** to take any risks.

apathy

n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

synonym : affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

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.

capitalize

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

synonym : bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

appetite

n. a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something

synonym : hunger, appetite, craving

(1) **appetite** suppression, (2) loss of **appetite**

After a long hike, I had a huge **appetite** and devoured my

meal in minutes.

mindless

adj. lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed

synonym : senseless, thoughtless, irresponsible

(1) **mindless** task, (2) **mindless** entertainment

Mindless scrolling on social media can be a time waster.

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym : amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

circulation

n. the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold

synonym : flow, movement, dissemination

(1) lymphatic **circulation**, (2) **circulation** of money

The **circulation** of the magazine has been steadily declining.

ash

n. the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation

synonym : cinder, soot, dust

(1) **ash** tree, (2) soda **ash**

The volcanic **ash** covered the island after the eruption.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

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.

short-circuited

adj. describing an electrical circuit that has malfunctioned due to a sudden, unintended connection between two points of differing voltage or polarity; describing a plan, process, or scheme that has failed due to a critical flaw or oversight

synonym : malfunctioning

(1) **short-circuited** wire, (2) **short-circuited** device
Due to a **short-circuited** battery, the electronic device stopped functioning.

captain

n. the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft

synonym : boss, director, leader

(1) the **captain** of an opposing team, (2) **captain** of industry
The **captain** ordered the troops to fire.

acceleration

n. a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time

synonym : speed up, quicken, hastening

(1) a unit of **acceleration**, (2) **acceleration** of an object
The car's **acceleration** was impressive, going from 0 to 60 mph in just 5 seconds.

flick

v. to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement

synonym : snap, tap, flip

(1) **flicker** candle, (2) **flick** through pages
He **flicked** the light switch, and the room was illuminated.

swift

adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

synonym : quick, speedy, brisk

(1) take **swift** action, (2) a **swift** current of a river
Her voice was **swift**, yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym : gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

bang

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

synonym : crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down

My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

synonym : hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

wallop

n. a heavy blow or punch; a sudden, powerful impact; a defeat or setback that is particularly severe or decisive

synonym : whack, punch, hit

(1) pack a **wallop**, (2) emotional **wallop**

The boxer delivered a **wallop** to his opponent's chin, knocking him out.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym : roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

digest

v. to transform food into absorbable substances; break down

synonym : absorb, condense

(1) **digest** information, (2) help **digest** food
Most babies can readily **digest** a wide variety of foods.

column

n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

synonym : line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water
The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym : title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**
The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

midair

n. some point in the air; above ground level

(1) a **midair** collision, (2) thrown out into **midair**
She flawlessly performed a **midair** somersault.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym : fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed
I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym : illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure
A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

brink

n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

synonym : edge, verge, threshold

(1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**

We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.

extinction

n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

synonym: disappearance, eradication, annihilation

(1) **extinction** prevention, (2) brink of **extinction**

The **extinction** of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.

parable

n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

synonym: allegory, fable, tale

(1) **parable** story, (2) biblical **parable**

Jesus quoted **parables** to teach important lessons to his disciples.

complicit

adj. involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

synonym: compliant, involved, accessory

(1) **complicit** behavior, (2) **complicit** in cover-up

The accomplice was **complicit** in the crime committed by her partner.

combustion

n. the act or process of burning something

synonym: burning, burst

(1) internal **combustion** engine, (2) spontaneous **combustion**

Combustion of the people grew until the revolt was unavoidable.

Session 2: Spelling

1. wid_____ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
2. br___l honesty *adj.* harsh or cruel
3. pa___r game *n.* a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents
4. exercise re___e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
5. cap_____ze the 1st letter of a word *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
6. cir_____on of money *n.* the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
7. 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
8. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 1. widespread, 2. brutal, 3. parlor, 4. regime, 5. capitalize, 6. circulation, 7. mass, 8. consequence

9. fl__e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
10. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
11. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
12. encourage pa_____ia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
13. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
14. mo_____ly in distribution *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
15. ut__r a big sigh *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice
16. t__e of knowledge *n.* a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book
17. re___t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

ANSWERS: 9. flame, 10. statistics, 11. critic, 12. paranoia, 13. government, 14. monopoly, 15. utter, 16. tome, 17. resist

18. burning ke____ne *n.* a flammable, colorless, or pale yellow liquid derived from the distillation of petroleum, used as a fuel for lamps, stoves, and heaters
19. wid_____ad use *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
20. a vi_____l image *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
21. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
22. ap_____te suppression *n.* a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something
23. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
24. 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
25. a bad pr_____nt *n.* a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
26. in an un_____ng voice *adj.* not ready or wanting to do something
27. sky ab___e with stars *adj.* on fire; burning brightly

ANSWERS: 18. kerosene, 19. widespread, 20. virtual, 21. basis, 22. appetite, 23. remarkable, 24. mass, 25. precedent, 26. unwilling, 27. ablaze

28. ultimate bl__s *n.* extreme happiness or joy
29. a su__e of shoppers *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
30. biblical pa_____e *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
31. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
32. 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
33. un___y relationship *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
34. ca_____n of industry *n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
35. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
36. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
37. ancient t__e *n.* a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book
38. a unit of acc_____ion *n.* a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time
39. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
40. wa___r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

ANSWERS: 28. bliss, 29. surge, 30. parable, 31. colleague, 32. novel, 33. uneasy, 34. captain, 35. suspect, 36. responsible, 37. tome, 38. acceleration, 39. independence, 40. wander

41. pa____e story *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
42. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
43. banner he____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
44. noun ph____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
45. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
46. co____st party *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
47. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
48. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
49. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
50. effect of cosmic r_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
51. semiaquatic sal____er *n.* any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed
52. con____nd detection dog *n.* goods that are prohibited from being imported or exported, or otherwise possessed and traded without proper authorization or legal permission

ANSWERS: 41. parable, 42. pace, 43. headline, 44. phrase, 45. erase, 46. communist, 47. critic, 48. destroy, 49. hunt, 50. ray, 51. salamander, 52. contraband

53. a gr____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
54. decided to be a fir____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
55. ho__d him for payment *v.* to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way; (noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity
56. gov____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
57. a bl__t of wind *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
58. simmering fl__e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
59. a mi____r collision *n.* some point in the air; above ground level
60. co____it behavior *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
61. br__k of war *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
62. cap____ze on an interest *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

ANSWERS: 53. gradual, 54. firefighter, 55. hound, 56. government, 57. blast, 58. flame, 59. midair, 60. complicit, 61. brink, 62. capitalize

63. ignorance is bl__s *n.* extreme happiness or joy
64. b__g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
65. po____s a basic knowledge *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
66. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
67. im____e harsher sanctions *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
68. the su__e in foreign tourism *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
69. a nation's right to go____n *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
70. br____l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
71. di____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
72. 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
73. a prodigious vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

ANSWERS: 63. bliss, 64. bang, 65. possess, 66. doubt, 67. impose, 68. surge, 69. govern, 70. brutal, 71. diminish, 72. novel, 73. vision

74. the life cycle of a bu_____ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
75. fa_____t propaganda *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
76. 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
77. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
78. thrown out into mi____r *n.* some point in the air; above ground level
79. sho_____ted device *adj.* describing an electrical circuit that has malfunctioned due to a sudden, unintended connection between two points of differing voltage or polarity; describing a plan, process, or scheme that has failed due to a critical flaw or oversight
80. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
81. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
82. pack a wa____p *n.* a heavy blow or punch; a sudden, powerful impact; a defeat or setback that is particularly severe or decisive

ANSWERS: 74. butterfly, 75. fascist, 76. fiction, 77. span, 78. midair, 79. short-circuited, 80. independence, 81. extreme, 82. wallop

83. artistic exp_____on *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
84. the influence of mec_____al action *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
85. co_____ct freedom *v.* to make something narrow or tight, often restricting movement or flow; to become narrow or tighter
86. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
87. take sw__t action *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
88. extreme tem_____res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
89. acc_____ion of an object *n.* a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time
90. fl__k through pages *v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
91. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
92. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
93. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

ANSWERS: 83. expression, 84. mechanical, 85. constrict, 86. destruction, 87. swift, 88. temperature, 89. acceleration, 90. flick, 91. preserve, 92. statistics, 93. suspect

94. sho_____ted wire *adj.* describing an electrical circuit that has malfunctioned due to a sudden, unintended connection between two points of differing voltage or polarity; describing a plan, process, or scheme that has failed due to a critical flaw or oversight
95. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
96. exp_____on of interest *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
97. lymphatic cir_____on *n.* the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
98. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
99. am_____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
100. 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

ANSWERS: 94. short-circuited, 95. boom, 96. expression, 97. circulation, 98. span, 99. amplify, 100. fiction

101. co_____it in cover-up *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
102. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
103. im___e tariffs *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
104. a gr_____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
105. un_____ng look *adj.* not ready or wanting to do something
106. the scope of an inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
107. the atmospheric tem_____re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
108. give the al__m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
109. ki___e a passion *v.* to start a fire; to light
110. trading of vi_____l currencies *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
111. help di___t food *v.* to transform food into absorbable substances; break down
112. a citywide cr_____wn *n.* a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior

ANSWERS: 101. complicit, 102. disappear, 103. impose, 104. gradual, 105. unwilling, 106. investigation, 107. temperature, 108. alarm, 109. kindle, 110. virtual, 111. digest, 112. crackdown

113. literary mas_____ce *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
114. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
115. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
116. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
117. er__e a memory *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
118. con_____nd goods *n.* goods that are prohibited from being imported or exported, or otherwise possessed and traded without proper authorization or legal permission
119. bl__e a trail *v.* to burst into flame or light up intensely; to move in a trailblazing manner; to shine brightly or conspicuously
120. degree of ac_____cy *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
121. feel sy_____hy *n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
122. de__t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

ANSWERS: 113. masterpiece, 114. colleague, 115. preserve, 116. feat, 117. erase, 118. contraband, 119. blaze, 120. accuracy, 121. sympathy, 122. depict

123. the spinal co___n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
124. co_____ct blood vessels *v.* to make something narrow or tight, often restricting movement or flow; to become narrow or tighter
125. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
126. brink of ext_____on *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
127. b__g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
128. a mec_____al style of writing *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
129. sm__k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
130. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
131. feel a slight ch__l *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
132. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
133. a sw__t current of a river *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
134. soda a_h *n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation

ANSWERS: 123. column, 124. constrict, 125. headline, 126. extinction, 127. bang, 128. mechanical, 129. smack, 130. curiosity, 131. chill, 132. imaginary, 133. swift, 134. ash

135. bu_____ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
136. a po_____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
137. ki___e strife *v.* to start a fire; to light
138. bu_____g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat
139. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
140. strict cr_____wn *n.* a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior
141. occ_____lly change the routine *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
142. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
143. get absolutely pl_____ed *adj.* made smooth by applying a sticky or glossy substance; very drunk
144. a_h tree *n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation
145. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
146. ab___e with passion *adj.* on fire; burning brightly
147. hour of ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

ANSWERS: 135. butterfly, 136. portrait, 137. kindle, 138. burning, 139. hunt, 140. crackdown, 141. occasionally, 142. extreme, 143. plastered, 144. ash, 145. ban, 146. ablaze, 147. entertainment

148. spontaneous com_____on *n.* the act or process of burning something
149. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
150. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
151. loss of ap_____te *n.* a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something
152. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
153. bu_____g desire *adj.* intense or scorching heat
154. on the br__k *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
155. rapid transit su____y *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
156. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
157. occ_____lly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
158. mi_____ss task *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
159. fl__ker candle *v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement

ANSWERS: 148. combustion, 149. imaginary, 150. responsible, 151. appetite, 152. destroy, 153. burning, 154. brink, 155. subway, 156. diminish, 157. occasionally, 158. mindless, 159. flick

160. ke____ne stove *n.* a flammable, colorless, or pale yellow liquid derived from the distillation of petroleum, used as a fuel for lamps, stoves, and heaters
161. beauty pa____r *n.* a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents
162. a puppet re____e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
163. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
164. the ac____cy of his compass *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
165. forest fir____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
166. mi____ss entertainment *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
167. a crumbling dy____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
168. emotional wa____p *n.* a heavy blow or punch; a sudden, powerful impact; a defeat or setback that is particularly severe or decisive

ANSWERS: 160. kerosene, 161. parlor, 162. regime, 163. doubt, 164. accuracy, 165. firefighter, 166. mindless, 167. dystopia, 168. wallop

169. an al__m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
170. suffering from pa____ia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
171. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
172. a literary ge__e *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
173. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
174. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
175. am____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
176. internal com_____on engine *n.* the act or process of burning something
177. po____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
178. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
179. political ap___y *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
180. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something

ANSWERS: 169. alarm, 170. paranoia, 171. disappear, 172. genre, 173. ban, 174. mere, 175. amplify, 176. combustion, 177. portrait, 178. vision, 179. apathy, 180. destruction

181. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
182. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
183. a government mo_____ly *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
184. bl__e with fury *v.* to burst into flame or light up intensely; to move in a trailblazing manner; to shine brightly or conspicuously
185. opaque to X-r_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
186. break with pr_____nt *n.* a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
187. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
188. he is kept under sur_____nce *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
189. pl_____ed walls *adj.* made smooth by applying a sticky or glossy substance; very drunk
190. ut__r nonsense *adj.* complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

ANSWERS: 181. basis, 182. remarkable, 183. monopoly, 184. blaze, 185. ray, 186. precedent, 187. protagonist, 188. surveillance, 189. plastered, 190. utter

191. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
192. form of cen_____ip *n.* the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security
193. fa_____t policies *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
194. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
195. ge__e of music *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
196. ext_____on prevention *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
197. fo_____en words *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
198. su___y train *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
199. the escape from dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
200. pr_____nt dream *adj.* having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic

ANSWERS: 191. feat, 192. censorship, 193. fascist, 194. curiosity, 195. genre, 196. extinction, 197. forbidden, 198. subway, 199. dystopia, 200. prescient

201. fo_____en love *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
202. the runner's p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
203. a co___n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
204. re___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
205. the ch__l of autumn *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
206. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
207. write a des_____ve essay *adj.* serving to describe or inform, or characterized by description
208. have un___y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
209. di___t information *v.* to transform food into absorbable substances; break down
210. sup_____on of estrogen *n.* the act of stopping or preventing something from being expressed or revealed
211. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

ANSWERS: 201. forbidden, 202. pace, 203. column, 204. resist, 205. chill, 206. depict, 207. descriptive, 208. uneasy, 209. digest, 210. suppression, 211. entertainment

212. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
213. sm__k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
214. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
215. clear cen_____ip by the Education Ministry *n.* the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security
216. sur_____nce cameras *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
217. wi__h hunt *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft
218. pr_____nt vision *adj.* having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic
219. beagle ho__d *v.* to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way; (noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity
220. a mas_____ce of design *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

ANSWERS: 212. protagonist, 213. smack, 214. mere, 215. censorship, 216. surveillance, 217. witch, 218. prescient, 219. hound, 220. masterpiece

221. the ca____n of an opposing team *n.* the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
222. co_____st activist *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
223. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
224. an icy bl__t *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
225. a preliminary inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
226. sy____hy card *n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
227. ap___y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
228. wa___r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
229. the sup_____on of bandits *n.* the act of stopping or preventing something from being expressed or revealed

ANSWERS: 221. captain, 222. communist, 223. boom, 224. blast, 225. investigation, 226. sympathy, 227. apathy, 228. wander, 229. suppression

230. terrestrial sal_____er *n.* any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed
231. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
232. go___n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
233. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
234. wi__h trial *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft
235. des_____ve grammar *adj.* serving to describe or inform, or characterized by description
236. po_____s divine powers *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

ANSWERS: 230. salamander, 231. phrase, 232. govern, 233. consequence, 234. witch, 235. descriptive, 236. possess

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. As people get old, their energies may _____.
 - v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

2. To assure _____ I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.
 - n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

3. 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

4. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.
 - n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

5. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
 - n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

6. He was _____ about the situation and didn't know what to do.
 - adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

7. The baseball player _____ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.
 - v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

8. He is known for creating _____ paintings.
 - n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

ANSWERS: 1. diminish, 2. accuracy, 3. fiction, 4. butterfly, 5. critics, 6. uneasy, 7. smacked, 8. genre-busting

9. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
10. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
11. 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
12. He _____ a good sense of humor.
v. to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
13. Totalitarian _____ are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.
n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
14. The global economic crisis has led to pervasive _____ and powerlessness.
n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
15. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
16. He lost the election by _____ votes.
adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

ANSWERS: 9. independence, 10. responsible, 11. novel, 12. possesses, 13. regimes, 14. apathy, 15. statistics, 16. mere

17. The _____ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.
n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires
18. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.
v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
19. _____ of the people grew until the revolt was unavoidable.
n. the act or process of burning something
20. The accomplice was _____ in the crime committed by her partner.
adj. involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
21. You must _____ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.
v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
22. His _____ about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.
n. a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
23. His facial _____ showed a mix of surprise and confusion.
n. the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
24. She drowned her _____ of anger through her creative work.
n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

ANSWERS: 17. firefighter, 18. resist, 19. Combustion, 20. complicit, 21. capitalize, 22. paranoia, 23. expression, 24. surge

25. The _____ ordered the troops to fire.
n. the leader of a group of people, especially who is in charge of a ship or aircraft
26. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.
n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
27. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
28. The _____ investor predicted the market crash and sold his stocks before it happened.
adj. having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic
29. The _____ shattered the laboratory equipment.
n. explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
30. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.
adj. intense or scorching heat
31. During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of _____ ideology.
adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
32. The _____ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.
n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

ANSWERS: 25. captain, 26. basis, 27. boom, 28. prescient, 29. blast, 30. burning, 31. communist, 32. alarm

33. A _____ engineer is still in demand in many companies.
adj. operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
34. The novel contains a criticism of the _____ society.
n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
35. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's _____.
n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
36. She still _____ writes a short romance novel.
adv. now and then; sometimes but not often
37. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.
v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
38. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
39. Her voice was _____ yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.
adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
40. 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
41. My father tried to _____ mathematics into my head since childhood.
v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

ANSWERS: 33. mechanical, 34. surveillance, 35. portrait, 36. occasionally, 37. preserve, 38. colleague, 39. swift, 40. tome, 41. bang

42. The paparazzi constantly _____ celebrities for a photo or a story.
v. to persistently pursue, harass, or pressure someone or something, often in a negative or unwelcome way; (noun) a type of dog, often bred for hunting that has a keen sense of smell and is known for its persistence and tenacity
43. Many people in the medieval period believed in _____ and their ability to cast spells.
n. a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft
44. The _____ of the magazine has been steadily declining.
n. the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
45. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
46. The wall was _____ with posters and graffiti.
adj. made smooth by applying a sticky or glossy substance; very drunk
47. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
48. The first two years of her marriage were sheer _____.
n. extreme happiness or joy
49. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.
v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

ANSWERS: 42. hound, 43. witches, 44. circulation, 45. feat, 46. plastered, 47. disappear, 48. bliss, 49. erase

50. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

51. The car's _____ was impressive, going from 0 to 60 mph in just 5 seconds.

n. a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time

52. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

53. The volcanic ____ covered the island after the eruption.

n. the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation

54. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

55. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

56. Most babies can readily _____ a wide variety of foods.

v. to transform food into absorbable substances; break down

57. This movie is _____ of his intellectual exploration.

adj. serving to describe or inform, or characterized by description

58. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

ANSWERS: 50. extreme, 51. acceleration, 52. destroyed, 53. ash, 54. pace, 55. gradual, 56. digest, 57. descriptive, 58. wander

59. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
60. The lamp in the cabin burned _____ for light.
n. a flammable, colorless, or pale yellow liquid derived from the distillation of petroleum, used as a fuel for lamps, stoves, and heaters
61. We were on the _____ of a financial crisis.
n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
62. Gamma _____ penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.
n. a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
63. The forest fire continued to _____ out of control, threatening nearby homes.
v. to burst into flame or light up intensely; to move in a trailblazing manner; to shine brightly or conspicuously
64. We plan to raise a giant _____ as a pet.
n. any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed
65. The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they _____ on students.
v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
66. The building was _____ with fire.
adj. on fire; burning brightly
67. _____ scrolling on social media can be a time waster.
adj. lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed

ANSWERS: 59. hunt, 60. kerosene, 61. brink, 62. rays, 63. blaze, 64. salamander, 65. impose, 66. ablaze, 67. Mindless

68. His swear words cast a _____ on the party.

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

69. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

70. Due to a _____ battery, the electronic device stopped functioning.

adj. describing an electrical circuit that has malfunctioned due to a sudden, unintended connection between two points of differing voltage or polarity; describing a plan, process, or scheme that has failed due to a critical flaw or oversight

71. We should _____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

72. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

73. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

74. The court used previous _____ to make its decision.

n. a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future

75. The _____ chaos of the concert crowd made it seem like a wild animal was in the room.

adj. complete, total, or absolute; said, done, or experienced without any exceptions or qualifications; spoken aloud or enunciated very clearly and distinctly; (verb) to speak or articulate words, sounds, or a voice

ANSWERS: 68. chill, 69. span, 70. short-circuited, 71. ban, 72. depicted, 73.

governing, 74. precedents, 75. utter

76. The newspaper devoted several _____ to the affair.
- n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
77. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.
- n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
78. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.
- n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
79. 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
80. The police discovered _____ in the back of the suspect's vehicle.
- n.* goods that are prohibited from being imported or exported, or otherwise possessed and traded without proper authorization or legal permission
81. I expressed my _____ to my friend after her cat passed away.
- n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
82. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
- n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
83. She is the _____ president of the company.
- adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

ANSWERS: 76. columns, 77. entertainment, 78. temperatures, 79. mass, 80. contraband, 81. sympathy, 82. Doubt, 83. virtual

84. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.
n. a strong desire to know or learn about something
85. Jesus quoted _____ to teach important lessons to his disciples.
n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
86. The government strived to protect its tobacco _____.
n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
87. She flawlessly performed a _____ somersault.
n. some point in the air; above ground level
88. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
89. We have never before conducted a legitimate _____.
n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
90. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
n. the act of causing so much damage to something
91. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
92. The boxer delivered a _____ to his opponent's chin, knocking him out.
n. a heavy blow or punch; a sudden, powerful impact; a defeat or setback that is particularly severe or decisive

ANSWERS: 84. curiosity, 85. parables, 86. monopoly, 87. midair, 88. headline, 89. investigation, 90. destruction, 91. vision, 92. wallop

93. The _____ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.
n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
94. The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a _____ of art.
n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
95. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
adj. existing only in someone's mind
96. They were _____ to take any risks.
adj. not ready or wanting to do something
97. Taking photographs inside the museum is _____.
adj. not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
98. The regime was accused of being _____ for their oppressive tactics.
adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
99. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
100. He took the _____ to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.
n. an underground railway system, typically in a city
101. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.
adj. harsh or cruel

ANSWERS: 93. flame, 94. masterpiece, 95. imaginary, 96. unwilling, 97. forbidden, 98. fascist, 99. government, 100. subway, 101. brutal

102. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

103. You might need to _____ this point.

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

104. After a long hike, I had a huge _____ and devoured my meal in minutes.

n. a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something

105. The government announced a _____ on illegal activities in the city.

n. a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior

106. The family gathered in the _____ to celebrate their grandmother's 90th birthday.

n. a room in a house used for socializing or entertaining guests, often furnished with comfortable seating and decorative accents

107. The cops _____ him of being the killer.

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

108. The _____ of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.

n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

109. Newspapers were subjected to _____ a few days later.

n. the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security

ANSWERS: 102. remarkable, 103. amplify, 104. appetite, 105. crackdown, 106. parlor, 107. suspected, 108. extinction, 109. censorship

110. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

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

111. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

112. The snake's muscles began to _____ around its prey.

v. to make something narrow or tight, often restricting movement or flow; to become narrow or tighter

113. He _____ a fire in the fireplace to warm the room.

v. to start a fire; to light

114. The government imposed a _____ of freedom of speech.

n. the act of stopping or preventing something from being expressed or revealed

115. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into _____.

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

116. In medieval times, death punishment was _____ and socially accepted.

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

117. He _____ the light switch, and the room was illuminated.

v. to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement

118. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

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

ANSWERS: 110. phrase, 111. protagonist's, 112. constrict, 113. kindled, 114. suppression, 115. dystopias, 116. widespread, 117. flicked, 118. consequences

ANSWERS: