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Session 1: Word List

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

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

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

cruise

n. a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace

synonym: sail, voyage, journey

(1) the **cruise** line, (2) adaptive **cruise** control

The family took a **cruise** to the Caribbean for their vacation.

devour

v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

synonym: consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

cast

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

synonym: throw, project, select

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

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

actress

n. a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies

synonym: performer, player, star

(1) an **actress** of real quality, (2) a well-known **actress**

The acclaimed **actress** received an Oscar for her outstanding performance in the film.

audition

n. a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

synonym: tryout, test

(1) music **audition**, (2) dance **audition**

I have an **audition** for a role in a play tomorrow.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

extension

n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

synonym: addition, augment, supplement

(1) time **extension**, (2) telephone **extension**

They are building an **extension** to the house to add more bedrooms.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym: mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym: average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

scroll

n. a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

synonym: manuscript, document, parchment

(1) roll up a **scroll**, (2) **scroll** through a document

The house owner loved the large hanging **scroll** in the guest room.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym: fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

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.

fierce

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

synonym: ferocious, convulsive, forceful

(1) **fierce** competition, (2) a **fierce** animal

The **fierce** thunders echoed across the plain.

desirable

adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

synonym : appealing, attractive, advisable

(1) **desirable** effect, (2) **desirable** result

The beachfront property had a **desirable** location with stunning ocean views.

shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

synonym : push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

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.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym : marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

sinister

adj. giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

synonym : ominous, foreboding, evil

(1) **sinister** look, (2) in **sinister** terms

The dark clouds in the sky gave off a **sinister** feeling.

subtle

adj. not readily apparent or visible

synonym : slight, nuanced, exquisite

(1) **subtle** changes, (2) a **subtle** poison

A famous artist painted the room in a **subtle** pink hue.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym: prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

discriminate

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

synonym: show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things

You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

typical

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

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

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

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

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym: ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym: racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

slavery

n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

synonym: bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

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.

rap

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

synonym: hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**

The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

slave

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

synonym: captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

cohort

n. a group of people who share a common characteristic, experience, or background and are usually studied as a single unit in research or analysis; a companion or ally

synonym : group, team, squad

(1) **cohort** study, (2) business **cohort**

The **cohort** of students from the science program graduated with top honors.

mixed-race

adj. describing a person whose ancestry includes people from two or more different races or ethnicities; describing a social or cultural context that embraces or represents people from different racial or ethnic backgrounds

synonym : multiracial, biracial

(1) **mixed-race** family, (2) **mixed-race** children

The university's multicultural club hosts events that promote **mixed-race** awareness and acceptance.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym : connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

preferential

adj. showing or giving preference or priority to a particular thing or person; giving special treatment or privilege to someone or something

synonym : preferential treatment, biased, partial

(1) **preferential** seating, (2) **preferential** pricing

The **preferential** treatment given to certain employees led to resentment from others in the company.

strenuous

adj. requiring or showing great energy, effort, or exertion; physically or mentally demanding; characterized by vigorous activity

synonym : arduous, laborious, demanding

(1) **strenuous** exercise, (2) **strenuous** effort

After the **strenuous** hike, I needed to rest a few hours before continuing.

opposed

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

synonym : anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

laborious

adj. requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work

synonym : arduous, difficult, strenuous

(1) **laborious** routine, (2) **laborious** project

The construction workers had a **laborious** job of carrying heavy equipment up several flights of stairs.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

synonym : cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

facial

adj. of or relating to a person's face

synonym : forward, front, surface

(1) **facial** nerve, (2) **facial** expressions

Facial profiling is a new form of airport security.

sorority

n. a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities

synonym : sisterhood, female fraternity

(1) **sorority** house, (2) **sorority** recruitment

The **sorority** sisters hosted a fundraiser for their chosen charity.

fraternity

n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

synonym : brotherhood, association, society

(1) the medical **fraternity**, (2) **fraternity** party

My college students join a **fraternity** to make connections and build a sense of community.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym : privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym : show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

out.

shadow

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

synonym : shade, silhouette, outline

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

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

flashlight

n. a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off

synonym : torch, lamp, beacon

(1) **flashlight** beam, (2) **flashlight** batteries

He used a backup **flashlight** to find his way through the dark cave.

compliment

n. an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

synonym : praise, acclamation, tribute

(1) a backhanded **compliment**, (2) accept a **compliment**

Her **compliment** made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

premium

n. an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value

synonym : dividend, bonus, (adjective) expensive

(1) insurance **premium**, (2) **premium** quality

Some people are willing to pay a **premium** for a rare and valuable collectible.

retouch

v. to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools

synonym: edit, revise, touch up

(1) **retouch** photo, (2) **retouch** painting

She had her portrait **retouched** to remove blemishes.

photoshop

v. to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools

synonym: edit, retouch, manipulate

(1) **photoshop** a picture, (2) **photoshop** the background of the image

The photographer **photoshopped** the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym: separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

bleach

v. to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach

synonym: whiten, lighten, blanch

(1) **bleach** stains, (2) **bleach** hair

I need to **bleach** this shirt to remove the stains.

toxin

n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living

organism

synonym : poison, venom, contaminant

(1) **toxin** exposure, (2) **toxin** production

Mold exposure can release dangerous **toxins** into the air.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

flock

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

synonym : herd, crowd, assembly

(1) **flock** of sheep, (2) **flock** of spectator

When a **flock** of birds flies in, the hunt begins.

insight

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

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

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

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

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym : trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym: boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

inundate

v. to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something

synonym: flood, submerge, overwhelm

(1) **inundate** swaths of farmland, (2) **inundate** his entire body

The heavy rain **inundated** the low-lying areas and caused flooding.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym: publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym: deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea
My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

attribute

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

synonym: ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

clip

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

synonym: buckle, hook, pin

(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**

He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

dumb

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

synonym: mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym: unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

accomplished

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

synonym: achieved, finished, completed

(1) **accomplished** at a very early age, (2) **accomplished** goal

She felt **accomplished** after finishing her book.

manifest

v. to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

synonym: exhibit, make plain, demonstrate

(1) **manifest** as the word, (2) **manifest** displeasure

The Prime Minister **manifested** his regret for his neighbors

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.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

obtain

v. to get something, especially by making a great effort

synonym: accept, acquire, receive

(1) **obtain** a license, (2) **obtain** a bid

Where can I **obtain** the application form?

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

ashamed

adj. feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
synonym: regretful, repentant, mortified

(1) feel **ashamed** of him, (2) cast **ashamed** eyes
You don't have to be **ashamed**.

preference

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
synonym: taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art
Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**
He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

arbiter

n. a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision
synonym: judge, referee, mediator

(1) professional **arbiter**, (2) cultural **arbiter**
The **arbiter** of the dispute will be an impartial judge.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

unconventional

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

synonym: nontraditional, avant-garde, bizarre

(1) in an **unconventional** manner, (2) **unconventional** ideas

Her **unconventional** approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym: understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym: expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon
The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

Session 2: Spelling

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adj. of or relating to a person's face
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adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
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adj. not readily apparent or visible
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7. ph_____op the background of the image
v. to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
8. re___e a message
v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
9. re_____h painting
v. to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools

ANSWERS: 1. achieve, 2. facial, 3. racial, 4. doubt, 5. subtle, 6. medium, 7. photoshop, 8. relate, 9. retouch

10. dance au_____on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position
11. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
12. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
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24. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
25. st_____us exercise *adj.* requiring or showing great energy, effort, or exertion; physically or mentally demanding; characterized by vigorous activity
26. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
27. bl___h hair *v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach

ANSWERS: 20. scroll, 21. premium, 22. ashamed, 23. stick, 24. brand, 25. strenuous, 26. individual, 27. bleach

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33. cultural ar_____r *n.* a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision
34. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
35. at_____te the change to their marriage *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
36. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

ANSWERS: 28. cofounder, 29. desirable, 30. slavery, 31. brand, 32. racial, 33. arbiter, 34. promote, 35. attribute, 36. deny

37. ob___n a license *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
38. in_____te swaths of farmland *v.* to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something
39. bl___h stains *v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
40. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
41. short video c___p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
42. a backhanded com_____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
43. ma_____st as the word *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
44. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
45. a sl___e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
46. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

ANSWERS: 37. obtain, 38. inundate, 39. bleach, 40. advertise, 41. clip, 42.

compliment, 43. manifest, 44. hypothesis, 45. slave, 46. shadow

47. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
48. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
49. fl__k of spectator *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
50. fl__k of sheep *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
51. accept a com_____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
52. si_____er look *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
53. the cr___e line *n.* a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace
54. ph_____op a picture *v.* to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
55. ma_____st displeasure *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
56. sh__e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
57. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
58. de___r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

ANSWERS: 47. individual, 48. promote, 49. flock, 50. flock, 51. compliment, 52. sinister, 53. cruise, 54. photoshop, 55. manifest, 56. shove, 57. feat, 58. devour

59. the medical fra_____ty *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
60. an advertising me____m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
61. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
62. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
63. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
64. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
65. so_____ty house *n.* a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities
66. complete a pr_____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
67. business co____t *n.* a group of people who share a common characteristic, experience, or background and are usually studied as a single unit in research or analysis; a companion or ally

ANSWERS: 59. fraternity, 60. medium, 61. elite, 62. commerce, 63. quo, 64. ugly, 65. sorority, 66. prototype, 67. cohort

68. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
69. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
70. fla_____ht batteries *n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off
71. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
72. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
73. pre_____ial seating *adj.* showing or giving preference or priority to a particular thing or person; giving special treatment or privilege to someone or something
74. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
75. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
76. a well-known ac_____s *n.* a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies
77. 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
78. struck d__b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

ANSWERS: 68. phenomenon, 69. ugly, 70. flashlight, 71. awareness, 72. typical, 73. preferential, 74. profound, 75. embarrass, 76. actress, 77. mass, 78. dumb

79. his meal pre_____ces *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
80. fla_____ht beam *n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off
81. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
82. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
83. adaptive cr___e control *n.* a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace
84. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
85. a fi___e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
86. in an unc_____nal manner *adj.* not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards
87. raise public aw_____ss *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
88. ab_____h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
89. br_____n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

ANSWERS: 79. preference, 80. flashlight, 81. communal, 82. decide, 83. cruise, 84. straight, 85. fierce, 86. unconventional, 87. awareness, 88. abolish, 89. broaden

90. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
91. dis_____ate against women employees *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
92. pre_____ial pricing *adj.* showing or giving preference or priority to a particular thing or person; giving special treatment or privilege to someone or something
93. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
94. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
95. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
96. sl_____y labor *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
97. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
98. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 90. phenomenon, 91. discriminate, 92. preferential, 93. consume, 94. achieve, 95. deny, 96. slavery, 97. isolate, 98. insight

99. research on anti-ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
100. to__n production *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
101. the local chamber of co____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
102. r_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
103. fi___e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
104. single et___c group *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
105. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
106. 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: 99. racism, 100. toxin, 101. commerce, 102. rap, 103. fierce, 104. ethnic, 105. shadow, 106. mass

107. time ex_____on
- n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
108. professional ar_____r
- n.* a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision
109. sh__e a person aside
- v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
110. mix_____ce children
- adj.* describing a person whose ancestry includes people from two or more different races or ethnicities; describing a social or cultural context that embraces or represents people from different racial or ethnic backgrounds
111. a bold hyp_____is
- n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
112. de___r my way
- v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
113. la_____us project
- adj.* requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work
114. br_____n students' knowledge
- v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

ANSWERS: 107. extension, 108. arbiter, 109. shove, 110. mixed-race, 111. hypothesis, 112. devour, 113. laborious, 114. broaden

115. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
116. so____ty recruitment *n.* a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities
117. telephone ex____on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
118. to__n exposure *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
119. in si____er terms *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
120. feel as____d of him *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
121. ob____n a bid *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
122. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

ANSWERS: 115. cast, 116. sorority, 117. extension, 118. toxin, 119. sinister, 120. ashamed, 121. obtain, 122. quo

123. insurance pr____m *n.* an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value
124. is____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
125. dis____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
126. a st____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
127. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
128. d__b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
129. an ac____s of real quality *n.* a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies
130. fra____ty party *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
131. music au____on *n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

ANSWERS: 123. premium, 124. isolate, 125. discriminate, 126. straight, 127. doubt, 128. dumb, 129. actress, 130. fraternity, 131. audition

132. acc_____hed at a very early age *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
133. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
134. re____e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
135. et____c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
136. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
137. absolutely op_____d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
138. a particular pre_____ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
139. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
140. fa____l expressions *adj.* of or relating to a person's face
141. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 132. accomplished, 133. consume, 134. relate, 135. ethnic, 136. advertise, 137. opposed, 138. preference, 139. intention, 140. facial, 141. intern

142. co___t study *n.* a group of people who share a common characteristic, experience, or background and are usually studied as a single unit in research or analysis; a companion or ally
143. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
144. de_____le effect *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
145. sc___l through a document *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
146. earn el___e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
147. acc_____hed goal *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
148. ab_____h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
149. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
150. at_____te directly to sales *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

ANSWERS: 142. cohort, 143. insight, 144. desirable, 145. scroll, 146. elite, 147. accomplished, 148. abolish, 149. excite, 150. attribute

151. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
152. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
153. systemic ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
154. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
155. tie c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
156. la_____us routine *adj.* requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work
157. su___e changes *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
158. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
159. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
160. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 151. excite, 152. display, 153. racism, 154. stick, 155. clip, 156. laborious, 157. subtle, 158. cofounder, 159. opportune, 160. app

161. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
162. a pr_____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
163. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
164. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
165. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
166. mix_____ce family *adj.* describing a person whose ancestry includes people from two or more different races or ethnicities; describing a social or cultural context that embraces or represents people from different racial or ethnic backgrounds
167. two op_____d characters *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
168. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
169. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 161. feat, 162. profound, 163. embarrass, 164. illustrate, 165. display, 166. mixed-race, 167. opposed, 168. betray, 169. app

170. get a r_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
171. re____h photo *v.* to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools
172. a sl__e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
173. early pr____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
174. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
175. in____n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
176. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 170. rap, 171. retouch, 172. slave, 173. prototype, 174. opportune, 175. intern, 176. communal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
2. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
3. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.
v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
4. A rainbow is a natural _____.
n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
5. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
6. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
7. My college students join a _____ to make connections and build a sense of community.
n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

ANSWERS: 1. Communal, 2. ugly, 3. cast, 4. phenomenon, 5. stick, 6. Doubt, 7. fraternity

8. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.
- n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
9. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
- n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
10. The company _____ its product line to include more customer options.
- v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
11. The construction workers had a _____ job of carrying heavy equipment up several flights of stairs.
- adj.* requiring a lot of effort and time to complete; characterized by tedious or difficult work
12. The government voted to _____ the outdated law.
- v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
13. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.
- n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
14. 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
15. I need to _____ this shirt to remove the stains.
- v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach

ANSWERS: 8. prototype, 9. brand, 10. broadened, 11. laborious, 12. abolish, 13. awareness, 14. feat, 15. bleach

16. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
17. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
18. The _____ of the dispute will be an impartial judge.
- n. a person with authority to settle or judge a dispute or disagreement; an impartial third party who makes a judgment or decision
19. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
- n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
20. A famous artist painted the room in a _____ pink hue.
- adj. not readily apparent or visible
21. The photographer _____ the image to enhance the lighting and contrast.
- v. to edit or manipulate digital images or photographs using Adobe Photoshop software or similar tools
22. When a _____ of birds flies in, the hunt begins.
- n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
23. He forcibly _____ the flyer into my bag.
- v. to push someone or something in a rough way

ANSWERS: 16. achieve, 17. excited, 18. arbiter, 19. app's, 20. subtle, 21. photoshopped, 22. flock, 23. shoved

24. Some people are willing to pay a _____ for a rare and valuable collectible.
n. an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value
25. After the _____ hike, I needed to rest a few hours before continuing.
adj. requiring or showing great energy, effort, or exertion; physically or mentally demanding; characterized by vigorous activity
26. The dark clouds in the sky gave off a _____ feeling.
adj. giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
27. The beachfront property had a _____ location with stunning ocean views.
adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
28. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.
adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
29. 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
30. They are building an _____ to the house to add more bedrooms.
n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
31. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.
adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

ANSWERS: 24. premium, 25. strenuous, 26. sinister, 27. desirable, 28. elites, 29. mass, 30. extension, 31. dumb

32. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

33. Her _____ made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

n. an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

34. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

35. The company has been successful in maintaining the status ____.

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

36. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

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

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

38. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

ANSWERS: 32. typical, 33. compliment, 34. opportune, 35. quo, 36. racism, 37. shadow, 38. opposed

39. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

40. The family took a _____ to the Caribbean for their vacation.

n. a voyage on a large ship for pleasure; driving or traveling at a leisurely pace

41. You don't have to be _____.

adj. feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done

42. The house owner loved the large hanging _____ in the guest room.

n. a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

43. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

44. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

45. Her _____ approach to teaching has been a hit with the students.

adj. not following traditional or commonly accepted beliefs, practices, or customs; not conforming to established norms or standards

46. He used a backup _____ to find his way through the dark cave.

n. a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off

47. Her _____ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

ANSWERS: 39. consume, 40. cruise, 41. ashamed, 42. scroll, 43. ethnic, 44. denying, 45. unconventional, 46. flashlight, 47. preference

48. The _____ sisters hosted a fundraiser for their chosen charity.
- n.* a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities
49. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
50. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.
- adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
51. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.
- v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
52. The _____ treatment given to certain employees led to resentment from others in the company.
- adj.* showing or giving preference or priority to a particular thing or person; giving special treatment or privilege to someone or something
53. The _____ thunders echoed across the plain.
- adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
54. Mold exposure can release dangerous _____ into the air.
- n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

ANSWERS: 48. sorority, 49. decide, 50. racial, 51. illustrate, 52. preferential, 53. fierce, 54. toxins

55. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
56. The heavy rain _____ the low-lying areas and caused flooding.
v. to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something
57. The acclaimed _____ received an Oscar for her outstanding performance in the film.
n. a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies
58. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
59. The abolition of _____ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.
n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
60. He _____ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.
v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
61. The university's multicultural club hosts events that promote _____ awareness and acceptance.
adj. describing a person whose ancestry includes people from two or more different races or ethnicities; describing a social or cultural context that embraces or represents people from different racial or ethnic backgrounds
62. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.
n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

ANSWERS: 55. embarrass, 56. inundated, 57. actress, 58. individual, 59. slavery, 60. attributes, 61. mixed-race, 62. slave

63. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
- v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
64. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
- n. something you want to do and are going to do
65. The new ___ album is getting a lot of attention.
- n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
66. Where can I _____ the application form?
- v. to get something, especially by making a great effort
67. She _____ the mystery novel in one sitting.
- v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
68. _____ profiling is a new form of airport security.
- adj. of or relating to a person's face
69. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
- n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
70. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 63. relate, 64. intentions, 65. rap, 66. obtain, 67. devoured, 68. Facial, 69. cofounder, 70. insights

71. I have an _____ for a role in a play tomorrow.

- n.* a performance or test given by an actor, musician, or other performers to demonstrate their abilities and suitability for a particular role or position

72. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.

- adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

73. The Prime Minister _____ his regret for his neighbors

- v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

74. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.

- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

75. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

76. You should not _____ against minorities.

- v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

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

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

78. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.

- adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

ANSWERS: 71. audition, 72. medium, 73. manifested, 74. interned, 75. commerce, 76. discriminate, 77. clip, 78. profound

79. We want to _____ our company through your media.
- v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
80. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.
- n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
81. The _____ of students from the science program graduated with top honors.
- n.* a group of people who share a common characteristic, experience, or background and are usually studied as a single unit in research or analysis; a companion or ally
82. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
- v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
83. You should not _____ them from the community.
- v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
84. He was sick for five _____ days.
- adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
85. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
- v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
86. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
- v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

ANSWERS: 79. advertise, 80. hypothesis, 81. cohort, 82. betrayed, 83. isolate, 84. straight, 85. display, 86. promote

87. She had her portrait _____ to remove blemishes.

v. to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools

88. She felt _____ after finishing her book.

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

ANSWERS: 87. retouched, 88. accomplished