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Session 1: Word List

palindrome

n. a word, phrase, or sequence of characters that reads the same backward as forward, such as "racecar" or "level"; (of medicine and genetics) a sequence of DNA or RNA that is the same when read from 5' (five prime, denoting ends of DNA or RNA) to 3' on one strand and from 5' to 3' on the complementary strand

synonym: word palindrome, reversible, mirror-image word

(1) **palindrome** phrase, (2) **palindrome** number

The word "deified" is an example of a **palindrome**, where it reads the same backward as it does forward.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym: back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving

dinner with all their relatives.

mum

n. a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so

synonym: mother, silent, soundless

(1) **mum's** cooking, (2) keep **mum**

My **mum** always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.

kayak

n. a small, narrow boat traditionally used by the Inuit people for hunting and fishing, which has a covered deck and is propelled using a double-bladed paddle

synonym: canoe, skiff, paddle boat

(1) **kayak** adventure, (2) **kayak** paddle

We're planning a **kayak** trip down the river next weekend.

qualified

adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

synonym: eligible, skillful, accomplished

(1) a **qualified** doctor, (2) **qualified** in medicine

We seek a person **qualified** for the post.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym: brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

contradiction

n. the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial

synonym : inconsistency, opposition, contravention

(1) **contradiction** of capitalism, (2) apparent **contradiction**

His statement was filled with **contradictions** that made it difficult to take seriously.

comedy

n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

synonym : humor, farce, satire

(1) **comedy** series, (2) romantic **comedy**

I love going to see live **comedy** shows with my friends.

pathological

adj. relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

synonym : aberrant, diseased, abnormal

(1) **pathological** liar, (2) **pathological** condition

The doctor was concerned that the patient's **pathological** fear of germs impacted their daily life.

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym : bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

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.

mute

adj. silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated

synonym : silent, unspoken, voiceless

(1) **mute** button, (2) **mute** sound

The actor played a **mute** character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.

esteem

n. great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone

synonym: respect, admiration, regard

(1) **esteem** for the other person, (2) boost my self- **esteem**

He is our loyal customer who should be held in high **esteem**.

microphone

n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

synonym: mic, megaphone, amplifier

(1) **microphone** cable, (2) built-in **microphone**

The interviewer asked him to speak into the **microphone**.

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.

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.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project

halfway.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

retirement

n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
synonym : resignation, withdrawal, retreat

(1) **retirement** from politics, (2) impending **retirement**

This fund is responsible for disability and **retirement** benefits.

spat

n. a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat

synonym : argument, disagreement, oyster

(1) minor **spat**, (2) clean up the **spat**

The **spat** between the two neighbors escalated into a heated argument.

biography

n. the story of a person's life written by someone else

synonym : bio, memoir, life history

(1) **biography** of an actor, (2) medical **biography**

This is a well-recorded **biography**.

indirectly

adv. not going straight to the point; implying or suggesting something

synonym : circuitously, obliquely, by implication

(1) **indirectly** related, (2) **indirectly** impact

The CEO **indirectly** expressed her disappointment with the project's progress.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym : community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

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.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym: art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

communicate

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

synonym: convey, share, transmit

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

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

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

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.

charm

n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

synonym: allure, appeal, beauty

(1) masculine **charm**, (2) **charm** against bad luck

These are significantly more exquisite than typical **charm** bracelets.

disarm

v. to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary

synonym: demilitarize, neutralize

(1) **disarm** opponents, (2) **disarm** a bomb

The police were able to **disarm** the suspect without any violence.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

offset

v. to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence

synonym: balance, cancel out, countervail

(1) **offset** deposits and withdrawals, (2) **offset** a loss

Strong growth in core business **offsets** losses in other business segments.

routine

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

synonym: habit, custom, procedure

(1) **routine** business, (2) a built-in diagnostic **routine**

She studies gardening on a **routine** basis.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

masculine

adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

synonym: male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

shift

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

synonym: transition, change, modification

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

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

gear

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

synonym: equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever

She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

matriarch

n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

synonym : leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.

cocoon

n. a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates

synonym : chrysalis, pupa, case

(1) **cocoon** silk, (2) a dried **cocoon**

The caterpillar spins a **cocoon** around itself before turning into a butterfly.

anecdote

n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

synonym : story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

embellish

v. to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something

synonym : decorate, adorn, beautify

(1) **embellish** a story, (2) **embellish** a room

I decided to **embellish** the plain white dress with some colorful accessories.

amusement

n. the state or experience of finding something humorous or entertaining

synonym : entertainment, diversion, fun

(1) **amusement** quarters, (2) source of **amusement**

We went to the **amusement** park and rode roller coasters all day.

articulate

v. to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

synonym: express, state, utter

(1) **articulate** his position, (2) eloquently **articulate**

She was able to **articulate** her argument in the debate clearly.

anxiety

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

synonym: concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge

She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym: overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym: discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the

house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

gay

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

synonym: cheerful, lively, joyful

(1) **gay** couple, (2) **gay** rights

The **gay** pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

finite

adj. having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.

synonym: delimited, defined, limited

(1) **finite** resources, (2) **finite** decimal

Human beings have a **finite** lifespan, so we yearn for the idea of immortality.

witness

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

synonym: onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**
The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

taper

v. to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end

synonym: decrease, dwindle, diminish

(1) **taper** the medication slowly, (2) **taper** the dose down

Most of the tree trunks **taper** toward the top.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

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.

homosexual

adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

synonym: gay, same-sex attracted

(1) **homosexual** rights, (2) **homosexual** marriage

The law was repealed to protect the rights of **homosexual** citizens.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym: banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym: closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

synonym: surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

tendrill

n. a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function

synonym: vine, creeper

(1) **tendrill** of hair, (2) creeping **tendrill**

The plant's delicate **tendrill** curled around the trellis as it began to climb.

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.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

trauma

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

synonym: agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

violent

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

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

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.

cluster

n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

synonym : group, aggregation, array

(1) live in a **cluster**, (2) a **cluster** of stars

A **cluster** of grapes hung from the vine.

akin

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin

synonym : similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

humor

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

synonym : comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**

My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

trunk

n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

synonym: body, chest, torso

(1) the **trunk** of the tree, (2) the **trunk** of the body

Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the **trunk**.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit
All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet
The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

process

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

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**
The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

linear

adj. of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph
synonym: straight, direct, right

(1) **linear** trend, (2) a **linear** equation
People tend to make **linear** predictions.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight
synonym: optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts
The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or

scene that has been captured electronically or on film
synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

static

adj. not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing

synonym : immobile, unchanging, fixed

(1) **static** electricity, (2) **static** website

The **static** image on the screen took a lot of work to make out.

hieroglyph

n. a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt

synonym : character, cipher, figure

(1) Egyptian **hieroglyph**, (2) the **hieroglyph** of the bird

Each beautiful **hieroglyph** represents either an idea or a sound.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym : eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

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

Translate the text from Italian into English.

sculpt

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

synonym: carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

haberdasher

n. a store that sells small articles used in sewings, such as buttons, zippers, and thread; a shop that sells men's furnishings like hats, gloves, ties, and accessories

synonym: hatter, milliner, tailor

(1) vintage **haberdashery**, (2) traditional **haberdashery** items

She spent the afternoon browsing in the **haberdashery** department of the large store.

tortuous

adj. full of twists and turns; not direct or straightforward; excessively complicated

synonym: twisted, convoluted, winding

(1) **tortuous** road, (2) **tortuous** path

The hiker had a difficult time navigating the **tortuous** mountain trail.

inadequate

adj. not sufficient or enough

synonym: insufficient, lacking, lacking enough

(1) an **inadequate** income, (2) **inadequate** funding

The small budget was **inadequate** to cover all the necessary expenses for the project.

frame

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

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

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

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

diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym: identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans

This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

autism

n. a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication

(1) high-functioning **autism**, (2) **autism** spectrum disorder

There is no cure for **autism**, but early intervention and therapy can improve outcomes for individuals with the condition.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

depressed

adj. sad and without any hope

synonym: despondent, despairing, sad

(1) **depressed** feeling, (2) the market is **depressed**

After his mother died, he got **depressed**.

anxious

adj. worried and nervous

synonym: nervous, uneasy, afraid

(1) **anxious** about his health, (2) an **anxious** look

He cast **anxious** glances behind her.

spectrum

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

repetition

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

synonym: duplication, iteration, recurrence

(1) **repetition** of the word, (2) habitual **repetition**

Repetition is the mother of all learning.

obsessive

adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

synonym: compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

doorway

n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into

synonym: entrance, portal, gateway

(1) a wide **doorway**, (2) **doorway** to success

He leaned against the **doorway**, waiting for her to come home.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym: testimony, evidence, assurance

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

Proof is better than argument.

neurodiversity

n. the concept that neurological differences, such as autism or ADHD, are a natural and valuable part of human diversity rather than a disorder or deficiency to be fixed

synonym: neurodivergence, cognitive diversity

(1) **neurodiversity** conference, (2) **neurodiversity** spectrum

The concept of **neurodiversity** celebrates the different ways that people's brains work.

scare

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

synonym: frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

hell

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

synonym: inferno, agony, misery

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

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym: structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house
He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the phenomenon.

misfit

n. a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual
synonym: outcast, nonconformist, oddball

(1) social **misfit**, (2) corporate **misfit**
He felt like a **misfit** in his new school.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly
synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

giddy

adj. feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability
synonym: dizzy, lightheaded, vertiginous

(1) **giddy** with excitement, (2) a **giddy** ride
The rollercoaster ride left her feeling **giddy** and disoriented.

newfound

adj. newly discovered or acquired
synonym: afresh, new, recently discovered

(1) a **newfound** mine, (2) **newfound** freedom
With his **newfound** wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**
Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

dive

v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
synonym: dip, leap, plunge

(1) **dive** into anime communities, (2) **dive** off a cliff
The sperm whale can **dive** to 1,000 meters.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym : mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

grief

n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

synonym : anguish, desperation, dismay

(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**

Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

clarity

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

synonym : clearness, translucence, brightness

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

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

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

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.

untangle

v. to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain

synonym :

disentangle, unravel, decipher

(1) **untangle** a situation, (2) **untangle** a problem

I need to **untangle** this knot before using this rope piece.

cohesive

adj. causing cohesion; bringing people or things together

synonym: sticky, close-knit, well-integrated

(1) **cohesive** ability, (2) highly **cohesive** group

He skillfully combines these fragments into a **cohesive** whole.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

sting

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

synonym: bite, prick, poke

(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face

Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

trim

v. to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance

synonym: cut, pare, prune

(1) **trim** a dog's nails, (2) **trim** the budget

I must **trim** the bushes in my front yard before they get too overgrown.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym:

unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply
She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

visceral

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

synonym: instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

punchline

n. the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax

synonym: joke, climax, comedic ending

(1) have no **punchline**, (2) the final **punchline**

The **punchline** of the joke was hilarious.

punch

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

synonym: hit, strike, slap

(1) **punch** out numbers, (2) **punch** a ticket

He **punched** the wall in anger.

tickle

v. to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

synonym: titillate, make laugh

(1) **tickle** his ribs, (2) **tickle** her vanity

These models explain why you can't **tickle** yourself.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym: conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

gutsy

adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

synonym : courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

shock

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

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

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

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

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.

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.

mob

n. a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals

synonym : crowd, throng, horde

(1) **mob** psychology, (2) **mob** violence

The excited **mob** was getting out of control at the concert.

argue

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

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

know-how

n. practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training

synonym : expertise, skill, knowledge

(1) **know-how** transfer, (2) share **know-how**

Her culinary **know-how** helped her create an impressive menu for the party.

flaccid

adj. lacking firmness or stiffness; weak or ineffective; lacking energy or force

synonym : limp, soft, drooping

(1) **flaccid** economy, (2) **flaccid** response

The patient's muscles were so weak that they felt completely **flaccid** when the doctor examined them.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

vague

adj. not clearly expressed or understood

synonym: ambiguous, imprecise, dim

(1) **vague** idea, (2) make a **vague** answer

The **vague** rumor turned out to be false.

pretended

adj. feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated

synonym: feigned, assumed, simulated

(1) **pretended** illness, (2) make a **pretended** purchase

His **pretended** interest soon caught everyone's attention.

identify

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

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

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

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

purity

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

synonym : sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

misdirect

v. to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction

synonym : misguide, mislead, botch

(1) **misdirect** my anger, (2) **misdirect** the letter

I believe this analysis is **misdirected** to some extent.

giggle

v. to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way

synonym : titter, chuckle, snicker

(1) **giggle** like a child, (2) **giggle** uncontrollably

When we saw the animals at the zoo playfully chasing each other, we all started to **giggle**.

truism

n. a statement or proposition that is true and does not require proof or elaboration; an overused or cliché expression that has become void of meaning

synonym : platitude, cliché, aphorism

(1) **truism** of life, (2) economic **truism**

It's a **truism** that practice makes perfect.

contract

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

synonym : agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

margin

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

synonym: edge, border, periphery

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

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

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym: rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

recite

v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

synonym: repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article

He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym: actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. gi___e like a child | <i>v.</i> to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way |
| 2. di___m opponents | <i>v.</i> to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary |
| 3. boost my self-es___m | <i>n.</i> great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone |
| 4. ove_____ing majority | <i>adj.</i> very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it |
| 5. the great di_____ry of the century | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |
| 6. fi___e decimal | <i>adj.</i> having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc. |
| 7. hom_____al rights | <i>adj.</i> sexually attracted to people of one's own sex |
| 8. pho_____ph album | <i>n.</i> a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film |
| 9. in a fl___t tone | <i>adj.</i> able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily |

ANSWERS: 1. giggle, 2. disarm, 3. esteem, 4. overwhelming, 5. discovery, 6. finite, 7. homosexual, 8. photograph, 9. fluent

10. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
11. tr___m of life *n.* a statement or proposition that is true and does not require proof or elaboration; an overused or cliché expression that has become void of meaning
12. make a pr____ed purchase *adj.* feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated
13. qu____ed in medicine *adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
14. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
15. a broad sp____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
16. ruled by a ma____ch *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
17. in st___t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
18. a cl____r of stars *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

ANSWERS: 10. branch, 11. truism, 12. pretended, 13. qualified, 14. violent, 15. spectrum, 16. matriarch, 17. strict, 18. cluster

19. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
20. dif_____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
21. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
22. vi____l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
23. an_____s about his health *adj.* worried and nervous
24. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
25. personal an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
26. mi_____ct the letter *v.* to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction
27. high pu____y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
28. m_b psychology *n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
29. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 19. surround, 20. difficulty, 21. inevitable, 22. visual, 23. anxious, 24. shock, 25. anecdote, 26. misdirect, 27. purity, 28. mob, 29. process

30. medical bi_____hy *n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else
31. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
32. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
33. walk ba_____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
34. ti_____e his ribs *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
35. the degree of pu_____y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
36. sc_____t an image *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
37. m_b violence *n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
38. st_____c electricity *adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
39. ta__r the dose down *v.* to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end
40. 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

ANSWERS: 30. biography, 31. struggle, 32. proof, 33. backward, 34. tickle, 35. purity, 36. sculpt, 37. mob, 38. static, 39. taper, 40. span

41. co____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
42. a dried co____n *n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
43. kn____ow transfer *n.* practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training
44. na____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
45. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
46. a__n to the prior experiences *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
47. em____sh a room *v.* to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something
48. have no pu____ne *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
49. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
50. vitreous hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

ANSWERS: 41. comfort, 42. cocoon, 43. know-how, 44. narrative, 45. decision, 46. akin, 47. embellish, 48. punchline, 49. wrap, 50. humor

51. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
52. legal fr_____rk *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
53. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
54. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
55. have gr__f and sorrow *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
56. sc__e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
57. pal_____me number *n.* a word, phrase, or sequence of characters that reads the same backward as forward, such as "racecar" or "level"; (of medicine and genetics) a sequence of DNA or RNA that is the same when read from 5' (five prime, denoting ends of DNA or RNA) to 3' on one strand and from 5' to 3' on the complementary strand
58. re___e a charm *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
59. re_____d communities *v.* to build again or anew
60. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
61. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 51. nowhere, 52. framework, 53. suppose, 54. translate, 55. grief, 56. scare, 57. palindrome, 58. recite, 59. rebuild, 60. definitely, 61. opportune

62. lack of cl____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
63. share kn____ow *n.* practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training
64. pr____ed illness *adj.* feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated
65. live in a cl____r *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
66. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
67. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
68. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
69. a profit ma____n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
70. a private ind____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 62. clarity, 63. know-how, 64. pretended, 65. cluster, 66. hell, 67. bold, 68. argue, 69. margin, 70. individual

71. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
72. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
73. m_m's cooking *n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
74. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
75. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
76. an_____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
77. show ge_____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
78. ka__k adventure *n.* a small, narrow boat traditionally used by the Inuit people for hunting and fishing, which has a covered deck and is propelled using a double-bladed paddle
79. vintage hab_____ery *n.* a store that sells small articles used in sewings, such as buttons, zippers, and thread; a shop that sells men's furnishings like hats, gloves, ties, and accessories
80. g_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree

ANSWERS: 71. suddenly, 72. abuse, 73. mum, 74. difficulty, 75. sham, 76. anxiety, 77. genuine, 78. kayak, 79. haberdasher, 80. gay

81. mi____ss entertainment *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
82. sc____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
83. pho____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
84. m__e button *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
85. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
86. hold your br____h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
87. romantic co____y *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
88. the ar____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 81. mindless, 82. scatter, 83. photograph, 84. mute, 85. planet, 86. breath, 87. comedy, 88. argument

89. ob_____ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
90. me_____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
91. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
92. st___t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
93. diagnosis of an_____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
94. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
95. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
96. wear ma_____ne attire *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
97. economic tr___m *n.* a statement or proposition that is true and does not require proof or elaboration; an overused or cliché expression that has become void of meaning
98. the final pu_____ne *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax

ANSWERS: 89. obsessive, 90. metaphor, 91. tight, 92. strict, 93. anxiety, 94. carve, 95. trait, 96. masculine, 97. truism, 98. punchline

99. gu__y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
100. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
101. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
102. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
103. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
104. co___y series *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
105. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
106. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
107. gr___e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
108. psychic tr___a *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

ANSWERS: 99. gutsy, 100. translate, 101. represent, 102. specifically, 103. quitter, 104. comedy, 105. shift, 106. narrative, 107. grieve, 108. trauma

109. st___c website *adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
110. keep m_m *n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
111. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
112. sc_____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
113. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
114. an an_____s look *adj.* worried and nervous
115. ma_____ch figure *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
116. pal_____me phrase *n.* a word, phrase, or sequence of characters that reads the same backward as forward, such as "racecar" or "level"; (of medicine and genetics) a sequence of DNA or RNA that is the same when read from 5' (five prime, denoting ends of DNA or RNA) to 3' on one strand and from 5' to 3' on the complementary strand
117. child of il_____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law

ANSWERS: 109. static, 110. mum, 111. bold, 112. scatter, 113. hell, 114. anxious, 115. matriarch, 116. palindrome, 117. illegal

118. eloquently art_____te *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
119. traditional hab_____ery items *n.* a store that sells small articles used in sewings, such as buttons, zippers, and thread; a shop that sells men's furnishings like hats, gloves, ties, and accessories
120. mi_____ss task *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
121. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
122. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
123. creeping te_____l *n.* a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function
124. neu_____ity spectrum *n.* the concept that neurological differences, such as autism or ADHD, are a natural and valuable part of human diversity rather than a disorder or deficiency to be fixed
125. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
126. a qu_____ed doctor *adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

ANSWERS: 118. articulate, 119. haberdasher, 120. mindless, 121. norm, 122. quitter, 123. tendril, 124. neurodiversity, 125. comfort, 126. qualified

127. come out of no____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
128. 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
129. fl___t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
130. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
131. gu__y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
132. appeared on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
133. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
134. te_____l of hair *n.* a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function
135. fl_____d response *adj.* lacking firmness or stiffness; weak or ineffective; lacking energy or force

ANSWERS: 127. nowhere, 128. rap, 129. fluent, 130. opposition, 131. gutsy, 132. onstage, 133. struggle, 134. tendril, 135. flaccid

136. pat_____cal liar *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
137. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
138. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
139. re_____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
140. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
141. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
142. co_____n silk *n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
143. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
144. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
145. a ge_____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

ANSWERS: 136. pathological, 137. isolate, 138. reshape, 139. rebuild, 140. craft, 141. frame, 142. cocoon, 143. definitely, 144. process, 145. genuine

146. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
147. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
148. rep_____on of the word *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
149. am_____nt quarters *n.* the state or experience of finding something humorous or entertaining
150. minor s__t *n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat
151. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
152. la____h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
153. make a va__e answer *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
154. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
155. ne_____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
156. st__g me on the arm *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

ANSWERS: 146. creative, 147. apparently, 148. repetition, 149. amusement, 150. spat, 151. backward, 152. launch, 153. vague, 154. shift, 155. negotiate, 156. sting

157. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
158. apparent con_____ion *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
159. 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
160. vi_____al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
161. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
162. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
163. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
164. t__m the budget *v.* to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance
165. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
166. social mi___t *n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual

ANSWERS: 157. entertainment, 158. contradiction, 159. decide, 160. visceral, 161. profoundly, 162. entirely, 163. wrap, 164. trim, 165. frame, 166. misfit

167. ka__k paddle *n.* a small, narrow boat traditionally used by the Inuit people for hunting and fishing, which has a covered deck and is propelled using a double-bladed paddle
168. ro_____e business *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
169. au___m spectrum disorder *n.* a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication
170. a vi_____l image *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
171. a lot of gr__f *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
172. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
173. mic_____ne cable *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
174. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
175. li___r trend *adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph
176. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 167. kayak, 168. routine, 169. autism, 170. virtual, 171. grief, 172. discovery, 173. microphone, 174. carve, 175. linear, 176. suppose

177. br___h of wind	<i>n.</i>	the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
178. ad_____e a cooperative relationship	<i>v.</i>	to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
179. of___t deposits and withdrawals	<i>v.</i>	to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence
180. is_____e a compound	<i>v.</i>	to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
181. pu__h out numbers	<i>v.</i>	to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
182. ad_____e the technology	<i>v.</i>	to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
183. a material wi_____s	<i>n.</i>	a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
184. death from sh__k	<i>n.</i>	a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
185. trading of vi_____l currencies	<i>adj.</i>	being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
186. ind_____ly related	<i>adv.</i>	not going straight to the point; implying or suggesting something
187. g_y couple	<i>adj.</i>	homosexual; happy, carefree
188. impending ret_____nt	<i>n.</i>	the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job

ANSWERS: 177. breath, 178. advance, 179. offset, 180. isolate, 181. punch, 182. advance, 183. witness, 184. shock, 185. virtual, 186. indirectly, 187. gay, 188. retirement

189. the fr_____rk of a house *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
190. 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
191. field of vi____l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
192. a ne_____nd mine *adj.* newly discovered or acquired
193. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
194. the market is de_____ed *adj.* sad and without any hope
195. d__e into anime communities *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
196. art_____te his position *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
197. co_____ve ability *adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together
198. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
199. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
200. pu__h a ticket *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

ANSWERS: 189. framework, 190. intern, 191. visual, 192. newfound, 193. communicate, 194. depressed, 195. dive, 196. articulate, 197. cohesive, 198. overwhelming, 199. surround, 200. punch

201. vi_____al fear	<i>adj.</i> relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
202. neu_____ity conference	<i>n.</i> the concept that neurological differences, such as autism or ADHD, are a natural and valuable part of human diversity rather than a disorder or deficiency to be fixed
203. di_____se the problem	<i>v.</i> to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
204. co_____us of having succeeded	<i>adj.</i> being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
205. against tr_____on	<i>n.</i> a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
206. sh_____s barrier	<i>n.</i> the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
207. the tr__k of the tree	<i>n.</i> the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
208. fl_____d economy	<i>adj.</i> lacking firmness or stiffness; weak or ineffective; lacking energy or force
209. ind_____al freedom	<i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
210. ne_____nd freedom	<i>adj.</i> newly discovered or acquired

ANSWERS: 201. visceral, 202. neurodiversity, 203. diagnose, 204. conscious, 205. tradition, 206. shyness, 207. trunk, 208. flaccid, 209. individual, 210. newfound

211. bi_____hy of an actor *n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else
212. 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
213. 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
214. to_____us road *adj.* full of twists and turns; not direct or straightforward; excessively complicated
215. the hie_____ph of the bird *n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt
216. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
217. m__e sound *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
218. 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
219. pi____n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

ANSWERS: 211. biography, 212. span, 213. intern, 214. tortuous, 215. hieroglyph, 216. identify, 217. mute, 218. stick, 219. pigeon

220. 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
221. fi___e resources *adj.* having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.
222. a__n to anger *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
223. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
224. va__e idea *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
225. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
226. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
227. re___e a long list of the article *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
228. ma_____ne beauty *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
229. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
230. built-in mic_____ne *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

ANSWERS: 220. rap, 221. finite, 222. akin, 223. branch, 224. vague, 225. trait, 226. craft, 227. recite, 228. masculine, 229. violent, 230. microphone

231. hour of ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
232. ch__m against bad luck *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
233. hom_____al marriage *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
234. sc__e the birds away *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
235. walk on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
236. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
237. source of am_____nt *n.* the state or experience of finding something humorous or entertaining
238. di_____se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
239. gi___e uncontrollably *v.* to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
240. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
241. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

ANSWERS: 231. entertainment, 232. charm, 233. homosexual, 234. scare, 235. onstage, 236. opportune, 237. amusement, 238. diagnose, 239. giggle, 240. develop, 241. calm

242. lose some of my sh____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
243. d__e off a cliff *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
244. gr___e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
245. economic re___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
246. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
247. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
248. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
249. ina_____te funding *adj.* not sufficient or enough
250. a g__r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
251. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
252. es___m for the other person *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone

ANSWERS: 242. shyness, 243. dive, 244. grieve, 245. reform, 246. disconnect, 247. ignore, 248. entirely, 249. inadequate, 250. gear, 251. intense, 252. esteem

253. il____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
254. high-functioning au____m *n.* a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication
255. a li____r equation *adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph
256. a wide do____y *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
257. a built-in diagnostic ro____e *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
258. sc____t prototype *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
259. ind____ly impact *adv.* not going straight to the point; implying or suggesting something
260. a blazing ar____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
261. con____ion of capitalism *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
262. con____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
263. ma____n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
264. tr____a care *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

ANSWERS: 253. illegal, 254. autism, 255. linear, 256. doorway, 257. routine, 258. sculpt, 259. indirectly, 260. argument, 261. contradiction, 262. confidence, 263. margin, 264. trauma

265. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
266. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
267. t__m a dog's nails *v.* to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance
268. clean up the s__t *n.* a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat
269. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
270. gi__y with excitement *adj.* feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability
271. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
272. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 265. calm, 266. fundamental, 267. trim, 268. spat, 269. stick, 270. giddy, 271. argue, 272. represent

273. habitual rep_____on *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
274. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
275. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
276. mi_____ct my anger *v.* to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction
277. an ina_____te income *adj.* not sufficient or enough
278. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
279. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
280. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
281. em_____sh a story *v.* to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something
282. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
283. co_____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

ANSWERS: 273. repetition, 274. creative, 275. abuse, 276. misdirect, 277. inadequate, 278. tradition, 279. conscious, 280. negotiate, 281. embellish, 282. norm, 283. contract

284. do____y to success *n.* an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
285. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
286. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
287. corporate mi____t *n.* a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual
288. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
289. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
290. ti____e her vanity *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
291. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
292. un_____le a situation *v.* to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain
293. the tr__k of the body *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

ANSWERS: 284. doorway, 285. fundamental, 286. sham, 287. misfit, 288. specifically, 289. disconnect, 290. tickle, 291. suddenly, 292. untangle, 293. trunk

294. to_____us path *adj.* full of twists and turns; not direct or straightforward; excessively complicated
295. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
296. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
297. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
298. la____h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
299. ob_____ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
300. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
301. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something

ANSWERS: 294. tortuous, 295. planet, 296. develop, 297. communicate, 298. launch, 299. obsessive, 300. apparently, 301. reshape

302. funny an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
303. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
304. sports g__r *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
305. sardonic hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
306. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
307. ta__r the medication slowly *v.* to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end
308. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
309. a gi__y ride *adj.* feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability
310. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
311. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
312. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
313. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

ANSWERS: 302. anecdote, 303. profoundly, 304. gear, 305. humor, 306. inevitable, 307. taper, 308. ignore, 309. giddy, 310. decide, 311. confidence, 312. folk, 313. proof

314. id____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
315. ret_____nt from politics *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
316. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
317. visual me____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
318. di____m a bomb *v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
319. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
320. st__g his face *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
321. employment co_____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
322. Egyptian hie_____ph *n.* a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 314. identify, 315. retirement, 316. opposition, 317. metaphor, 318. disarm, 319. decision, 320. sting, 321. contract, 322. hieroglyph

323. infrared sp_____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
324. de_____ed feeling *adj.* sad and without any hope
325. wi_____s of the car accident *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
326. sake of cl_____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
327. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
328. a racing pi_____n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
329. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
330. of____t a loss *v.* to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence
331. masculine ch__m *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
332. re____m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
333. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
334. highly co_____ve group *adj.* causing cohesion; bringing people or things together

ANSWERS: 323. spectrum, 324. depressed, 325. witness, 326. clarity, 327. folk, 328. pigeon, 329. tight, 330. offset, 331. charm, 332. reform, 333. intense, 334. cohesive

335. pat_____cal condition

adj. relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

336. un_____le a problem

v. to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain

ANSWERS: 335. pathological, 336. untangle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
adj. relating to seeing or sight
2. Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the _____.
n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
3. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.
v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
4. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
5. The rollercoaster ride left her feeling _____ and disoriented.
adj. feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability
6. The caterpillar spins a _____ around itself before turning into a butterfly.
n. a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
7. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.
v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
8. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.
adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
9. Strong growth in core business _____ losses in other business segments.
v. to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence

ANSWERS: 1. visual, 2. trunk, 3. scare, 4. carved, 5. giddy, 6. cocoon, 7. scattered, 8. calm, 9. offsets

10. The sperm whale can _____ to 1,000 meters.
- v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
11. Her culinary _____ helped her create an impressive menu for the party.
- n.* practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training
12. The patient's muscles were so weak that they felt completely _____ when the doctor examined them.
- adj.* lacking firmness or stiffness; weak or ineffective; lacking energy or force
13. He could _____ all of Shakespeare's works.
- v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
14. When we saw the animals at the zoo playfully chasing each other, we all started to _____.
- v.* to laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly, nervous, or childlike way
15. He is our loyal customer who should be held in high _____.
- n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
16. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
- v.* to be all around something or somebody
17. I love going to see live _____ shows with my friends.
- n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

ANSWERS: 10. dive, 11. know-how, 12. flaccid, 13. recite, 14. giggle, 15. esteem, 16. surround, 17. comedy

18. Each person has a unique _____ experience.
n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
19. You should not _____ them from the community.
v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
20. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
21. We're planning a _____ trip down the river next weekend.
n. a small, narrow boat traditionally used by the Inuit people for hunting and fishing, which has a covered deck and is propelled using a double-bladed paddle
22. After his mother died, he got _____.
adj. sad and without any hope
23. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
24. I decided to _____ the plain white dress with some colorful accessories.
v. to make something more beautiful, interesting, or attractive by adding decorative details or features; to exaggerate or enhance the truth or significance of something
25. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

ANSWERS: 18. grief, 19. isolate, 20. folk, 21. kayak, 22. depressed, 23. backward, 24. embellish, 25. spectrum

26. She entertained the guests with _____ about her travels and experiences.
n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
27. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.
adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
28. This fund is responsible for disability and _____ benefits.
n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
29. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
30. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.
adj. not allowed by law
31. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
32. The national election was held amid _____ security.
adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
33. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.
adv. based on what you have heard or read
34. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
35. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 26. anecdotes, 27. onstage, 28. retirement, 29. narrative, 30. illegal, 31. ignored, 32. tight, 33. apparently, 34. intense, 35. represent

36. Many civilians have suffered _____ as a result of the war.
n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
37. 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
38. The manufacturing industry is _____ fierce competition.
n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
39. This is a well-recorded _____.
n. the story of a person's life written by someone else
40. She learned five languages but is only _____ in two of them.
adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
41. He leaned against the _____ waiting for her to come home.
n. an opening in a wall for a door to fit into
42. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.
n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
43. It was _____ to quit her job and start her own business.
adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
44. 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

ANSWERS: 36. trauma, 37. individual, 38. witnessing, 39. biography, 40. fluent, 41. doorway, 42. confidence, 43. gutsy, 44. rap

45. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
46. He spent hours every day _____ figures out of clay.
v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
47. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
48. There is no cure for _____ but early intervention and therapy can improve outcomes for individuals with the condition.
n. a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication
49. 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
50. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
51. He became _____ that he was being followed.
adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
52. Each beautiful _____ represents either an idea or a sound.
n. a writing system using picture symbols, such as the one used in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 45. violent, 46. sculpting, 47. tradition, 48. autism, 49. stick, 50. discovery, 51. conscious, 52. hieroglyph

53. 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
54. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
55. The _____ between the two neighbors escalated into a heated argument.
n. a minor quarrel or dispute, often one that is short-lived or insignificant; a sudden burst of activity or energy; a young oyster, clam, or other bivalves that has recently attached itself to a surface in its natural habitat
56. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
57. The concept of _____ celebrates the different ways that people's brains work.
n. the concept that neurological differences, such as autism or ADHD, are a natural and valuable part of human diversity rather than a disorder or deficiency to be fixed
58. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.
adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
59. These are significantly more exquisite than typical _____ bracelets.
n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
60. Her allure lies in her _____ rather than feminine beauty.
adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

ANSWERS: 53. decide, 54. Wrap, 55. spat, 56. opportune, 57. neurodiversity, 58. nowhere, 59. charm, 60. masculine

61. Is this painting _____ or forged?

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

62. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

63. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

64. We are always happy to _____ a discount.

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

65. I need to _____ this knot before using this rope piece.

v. to separate or straighten out something that is tangled, confused, or complicated; to clarify or make sense of something difficult to understand or explain

66. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

67. Her _____ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

68. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

ANSWERS: 61. genuine, 62. argument, 63. specifically, 64. negotiate, 65. untangle, 66. contract, 67. obsessive, 68. framework

69. My wife seems to be in ill _____.

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

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

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

71. The ___ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

72. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

73. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

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

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

75. She _____ the loss of her parents.

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

76. The small budget was _____ to cover all the necessary expenses for the project.

adj. not sufficient or enough

ANSWERS: 69. humor, 70. frame, 71. gay, 72. overwhelming, 73. launch, 74. argue, 75. grieved, 76. inadequate

77. The hiker had a difficult time navigating the _____ mountain trail.
adj. full of twists and turns; not direct or straightforward; excessively complicated
78. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
79. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
n. a particular feature of your nature
80. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
81. The plant's delicate _____ curled around the trellis as it began to climb.
n. a slender, coiling, or twisting stem or strand of a climbing plant, typically used for support or attachment; any thin, curling, or twisting feature that resembles a plant tendril in shape or function
82. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.
adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
83. People tend to make _____ predictions.
adj. of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph
84. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 77. tortuous, 78. pigeon, 79. traits, 80. reform, 81. tendril, 82. bold, 83. linear, 84. decision

85. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

n. a condition or state that causes problems

86. With his _____ wealth, he could travel the world and indulge in his passions.

adj. newly discovered or acquired

87. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

88. We seek a person _____ for the post.

adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

89. His _____ interest soon caught everyone's attention.

adj. feigned or not genuine; assumed or simulated

90. His statement was filled with _____ that made it difficult to take seriously.

n. the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial

91. _____ 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

92. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

ANSWERS: 85. difficulty, 86. newfound, 87. strict, 88. qualified, 89. pretended, 90. contradictions, 91. Mindless, 92. norms

93. I believe this analysis is _____ to some extent.

- v. to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction

94. He skillfully combines these fragments into a _____ whole.

- adj. causing cohesion; bringing people or things together

95. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

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

96. He got an electric _____ at work.

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

97. He finally overcame his _____.

- n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

98. These models explain why you can't _____ yourself.

- v. to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

99. The police were able to _____ the suspect without any violence.

- v. to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary

100. She was able to _____ her argument in the debate clearly.

- v. to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

ANSWERS: 93. misdirected, 94. cohesive, 95. shift, 96. shock, 97. shyness, 98. tickle, 99. disarm, 100. articulate

101. A _____ of grapes hung from the vine.

n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

102. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

103. She checked her _____ before embarking on the hike.

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

104. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

105. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

106. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.

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

107. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

108. We went to the _____ park and rode roller coasters all day.

n. the state or experience of finding something humorous or entertaining

ANSWERS: 101. cluster, 102. abuse, 103. gear, 104. suddenly, 105. opposition, 106. margin, 107. inevitable, 108. amusement

109. 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

110. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

111. The battlefield became _____ on earth.

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

112. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

113. Bees _____ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

114. He _____ the wall in anger.

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

115. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

116. She waited for her daughter with _____.

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

ANSWERS: 109. virtual, 110. comfort, 111. hell, 112. suppose, 113. sting, 114. punched, 115. disconnect, 116. anxiety

117. The interviewer asked him to speak into the _____.
- n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
118. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
119. After watching the horror movie, she had a _____ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.
- adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
120. I must _____ the bushes in my front yard before they get too overgrown.
- v.* to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance
121. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.
- n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
122. The _____ image on the screen took a lot of work to make out.
- adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
123. The excited _____ was getting out of control at the concert.
- n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
124. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.
- v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

ANSWERS: 117. microphone, 118. photograph, 119. visceral, 120. trim, 121. purity, 122. static, 123. mob, 124. diagnose

125. _____ is the mother of all learning.

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

126. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

127. The actor played a _____ character and had to rely on facial expressions to portray his emotions.

adj. silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated

128. He felt like a _____ in his new school.

n. a person who does not fit in with others or with society, especially because their behavior is strange or unusual

129. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

130. My _____ always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.

n. a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so

131. The word "deified" is an example of a _____ where it reads the same backward as it does forward.

n. a word, phrase, or sequence of characters that reads the same backward as forward, such as "racecar" or "level"; (of medicine and genetics) a sequence of DNA or RNA that is the same when read from 5' (five prime, denoting ends of DNA or RNA) to 3' on one strand and from 5' to 3' on the complementary strand

ANSWERS: 125. Repetition, 126. develop, 127. mute, 128. misfit, 129. planet, 130. mum, 131. palindrome,

132. The _____ rumor turned out to be false.

adj. not clearly expressed or understood

133. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

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

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

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

135. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

136. Human beings have a _____ lifespan, so we yearn for the idea of immortality.

adj. having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.

137. 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

138. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

139. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.

v. to build again or anew

ANSWERS: 132. vague, 133. identify, 134. process, 135. quitter, 136. finite, 137. interned, 138. craft, 139. rebuild

140. He could not _____ against temptation.

- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

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

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

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

- adv.* completely

143. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.

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

144. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.

- adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

145. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

- adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

146. She spent the afternoon browsing in the _____ department of the large store.

- n.* a store that sells small articles used in sewings, such as buttons, zippers, and thread; a shop that sells men's furnishings like hats, gloves, ties, and accessories

147. Most of the tree trunks _____ toward the top.

- v.* to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end

ANSWERS: 140. struggle, 141. clarity, 142. entirely, 143. entertainment, 144. profoundly, 145. definitely, 146. haberdashery, 147. taper

148. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.

- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

149. _____ the text from Italian into English.

- v.* to convert or change words into another language

150. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

151. _____ is better than argument.

- n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

152. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.

- v.* to change the form or structure of something

153. The _____ of the joke was hilarious.

- n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax

154. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.

- n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

155. It's a _____ that practice makes perfect.

- n.* a statement or proposition that is true and does not require proof or elaboration; an overused or cliché expression that has become void of meaning

ANSWERS: 148. metaphors, 149. Translate, 150. fundamental, 151. Proof, 152. reshaped, 153. punchline, 154. breath, 155. truism

156. The CEO _____ expressed her disappointment with the project's progress.
adv. not going straight to the point; implying or suggesting something
157. 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
158. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
159. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
160. Her interests are _____ to mine.
adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin
161. The law was repealed to protect the rights of _____ citizens.
adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
162. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
163. The _____ of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.
n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

ANSWERS: 156. indirectly, 157. span, 158. sham, 159. creative, 160. akin, 161. homosexual, 162. communicate, 163. matriarch

164. He cast _____ glances behind her.

adj. worried and nervous

165. She studies gardening on a _____ basis.

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

166. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

167. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

168. The doctor was concerned that the patient's _____ fear of germs impacted their daily life.

adj. relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

ANSWERS: 164. anxious, 165. routine, 166. branch, 167. advance, 168. pathological