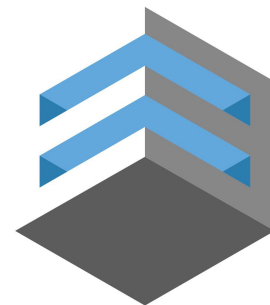


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Session 1: Word List

pilgrim

n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

synonym: traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

abduct

v. to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

synonym: kidnap, seize, snatch

(1) **abduct** a girl, (2) **abduct** at gunpoint

The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was **abducted**.

unstick

v. to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else

synonym : detach, remove, free

(1) **unstick** the door, (2) **unstick** the pages of a book
I had to use a knife to **unstick** the envelope from the table.

chronological

adj. arranged in the order in which events occurred

synonym : sequential, linear, temporal

(1) **chronological** progression, (2) sorted in **chronological** order

He presented the timeline of the project in a **chronological** sequence.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym : jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another
The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym : impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym : gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

optometrist

n. a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids

synonym : eye doctor, optician, oculist

(1) **optometrist** appointment, (2) licensed **optometrist**

I visited an **optometrist** to have my eyes checked for a new

prescription for glasses.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym: confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

intergalactic

adj. existing or occurring between different galaxies (= an independent group of stars)

synonym: extragalactic, cosmic, interstellar

(1) **intergalactic** travel, (2) **intergalactic** matter

The **intergalactic** spaceship traveled to distant planets.

humiliation

n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

synonym: mortification, degradation, embarrassment

(1) an intolerable **humiliation**, (2) a taste of **humiliation**

His public **humiliation** resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.

slaughterhouse

n. a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat

synonym: abattoir, meatpacking plant, butcher shop

(1) **slaughterhouse** operation, (2) **slaughterhouse** facility

The smell of the **slaughterhouse** made him feel sick to his stomach.

refuge

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

synonym: shelter, fortress, hide-out

(1) **refuge** camp, (2) a harbor of **refuge**

Some of the emigres sought **refuge** in this country.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as

overthrowing the government or occupying a force
synonym : subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist
Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

allied

adj. united or connected by a political or military agreement
synonym : affiliated, associated, partnered

(1) **allied** forces, (2) chemicals **allied** products

The two countries were **allied** in their efforts to combat terrorism.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym : missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

utterly

adv. completely or absolutely

synonym : absolutely, completely, perfectly

(1) **utterly** changed, (2) **utterly** ignorant

We are **utterly** opposed to any form of terrorism.

demolish

v. to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something

synonym : destroy, wreck, level

(1) **demolish** a myth, (2) **demolish** a bridge

The city decided to **demolish** the old, unsafe building and

build a new one.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

anthropology

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

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

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

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

spearhead

v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign

synonym: lead, initiate, begin

(1) **spearhead** campaign, (2) **spearhead** movement

The CEO decided to **spearhead** the new project to ensure its success.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym: chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym : wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

zany

adj. eccentric or unconventional humorously or foolishly; clownish; resembling a clown or jester

synonym : wacky, absurd, ludicrous

(1) **zany** behavior, (2) **zany** costume

The **zany** comedian had the audience laughing uncontrollably.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

fairy

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

synonym : sprite, pixie, elf

(1) **fairy** tale, (2) a water **fairy**

The mischievous **fairy** flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

- tale** *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
synonym : canard, fiction, fable
(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror
Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.
- myth** *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
synonym : fable, legend, lore
(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**
With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
- echo** *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
synonym : reverberate, repeat, reflection
(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**
A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.
- distinguish** *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
synonym : determine, differentiate, characterize
(1) **distinguish** these two things, (2) **distinguish** man from the other animals
This study **distinguished** four different ways to run a business.
- victim** *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
synonym : prey, target, sufferer
(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation
The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- accident** *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym : please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

arc

n. the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line

synonym : turn, bow, angle

(1) the **arc** current, (2) an **arc** of a circumference

A ball flew in a big **arc**.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym : chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym : uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

ditch

n. a long, narrow, and shallow depression or channel that is dug into the ground; (verb) to throw away

synonym : trench, channel, furrow

(1) agricultural **ditch**, (2) **ditch** my career

The farmers used **ditches** to drain water from their fields.

clear-cut

adj. defined or delimited sharply and distinctly; easily seen or understood; without ambiguity or confusion

synonym : obvious, distinct, definitive

(1) **clear-cut** evidence, (2) **clear-cut** definition

The **clear-cut** instructions made the task simple and easy to follow.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

straightforward

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

synonym : honest, candid, forthright

(1) **straightforward** manner, (2) make a **straightforward** dash

The defendant gave a **straightforward** and accurate description of the accident.

chronology

n. the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time

synonym : history, timeline, order

(1) astronomical **chronology**, (2) **chronology** order

The **chronology** of events was important for understanding history.

proceeding

n. an event or series of events that happen as part of a larger process or action; an official record of legal or administrative action or meeting

synonym : procedure, steps, action

(1) **proceeding** in bankruptcy, (2) **proceeding** in bankruptcy

The legal **proceeding** took several months to conclude.

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym : output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

heaven

n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

synonym : paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

rarefied

adj. not commonly known or understood, particularly due to belonging to a specialized or elite group

synonym : esoteric, rare, refined

(1) the **rarefied** world of academics, (2) **rarefied** language

The **rarefied** air at the mountaintop made breathing difficult for those not used to high altitudes.

luminous

adj. emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment

synonym : radiant, glowing, brilliant

(1) **luminous** glow, (2) **luminous** stars

The room was filled with **luminous** decorations that shone in the dark.

titanic

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

synonym : colossal, massive, immense

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

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

vastness

n. the extent or size of something, often describing an ample space or area; the quality of being immense or immense in scale

synonym : immensity, enormity, vastitude

(1) limitless **vastness**, (2) scenic **vastness**

The **vastness** of the ocean was awe-inspiring and humbling.

universe

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

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

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

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

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

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.

pointless

adj. having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

synonym : meaningless, purposeless, worthless

(1) **pointless** argument, (2) **pointless** task

The meeting was considered **pointless** since nothing was accomplished.

vantage

n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

synonym : advantage, benefit, edge

(1) strategic **vantage**, (2) gain a **vantage**

From our **vantage** point, we could see the whole city skyline.

infundibulum

n. a funnel-shaped part of a bodily structure, particularly the brain or reproductive system

synonym : funnel, channel, duct

(1) **infundibulum** hypothalami, (2) pituitary **infundibulum**

The **infundibulum** of the brain helps to regulate the release of hormones.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym : destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

counterpart

n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

synonym : equivalent, analogue, match

(1) **counterpart** agreement, (2) negotiating **counterpart**

His **counterpart** in the other company is responsible for marketing.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy
We **concluded** a cease-fire.

cradle

n. a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates

synonym: infancy, beginning, origin

(1) from the **cradle** to the grave, (2) **cradle** of civilization
The baby peacefully slept in her **cradle**, surrounded by stuffed animals and blankets.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**
Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

harmless

adj. not able or not likely to cause damage or harm

synonym: benign, innocuous, inoffensive

(1) **harmless** in most people, (2) **harmless** substances
Most people thought of him as a **harmless** eccentric.

adherent

n. a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something

synonym: follower, supporter, believer

(1) an **adherent** of the ideology, (2) non- **adherent** cell
He was a devout **adherent** of the religion.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement
It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

tenet

n. one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded

synonym: dogma, creed, principle

(1) basic **tenets**, (2) a fundamental **tenet** of Judaism

This section explains a central **tenet** of economics.

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.

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?

consist

v. to be composed or made up of

synonym: lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

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.

cosmic

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

(1) second **cosmic** velocity, (2) **cosmic** background radiation

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

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym : designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

synonym : pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

association

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

synonym : affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**

His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym : miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

moralize

v. to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior

synonym : preach, lecture, sermonize

(1) **moralize** a situation, (2) **moralize** about politics

I don't like it when people try to **moralize** me about my personal choices.

intersperse

v. to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals

synonym : scatter, distribute, insert

(1) **intersperse** his speech, (2) **intersperse** exclamation marks

The author **interspersed** anecdotes throughout the book to break up the text and make it more engaging.

grim

adj. looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

synonym : fierce, harsh, gloomy

(1) **grim** reality, (2) a **grim-featured** man

The result presented a **grim** picture of inefficiency and corruption.

assess

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

synonym :

estimate, evaluate, consider

(1) **assess** a tax of 10 pounds, (2) **assess** the quality
Our company needs to **assess** the business impact of climate change.

morsel

n. a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something

synonym: bit, bite, fragment

(1) mouth-watering **morsel**, (2) tiny **morsel**

I only had a small **morsel** of cake while trying to watch my weight.

fictional

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

synonym: imaginary, invented, made-up

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

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

ego

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

synonym: self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

parable

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

synonym: allegory, fable, tale

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

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

yeast

n. a type of fungus that is used in making alcoholic drinks such as beer and wine or to make bread rise

synonym: leaven, fungus

(1) **yeast** cell, (2) **yeast-leavened** bread

They carefully nurture a **yeast** fungus used to produce sake.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

suffocate

v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

synonym : choke, smother, stifle

(1) **suffocate** to death, (2) **suffocate** fire

People can **suffocate** from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.

excrement

n. the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract

synonym : waste, feces, dung

(1) animal **excrement**, (2) human **excrement**

As a dog owner, cleaning up your pet's **excrement** is responsible.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym : brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

champagne

n. a type of sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, or any similar wine produced elsewhere

synonym : sparkling wine, prosecco, cava

(1) **champagne** toast, (2) **champagne** celebration

They opened a bottle of **champagne** to celebrate their

success.

spite

n. feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

synonym : malice, ill will, vindictiveness

(1) bear **spite** against him, (2) die in **spite** of intensive care
He did it out of **spite**, to annoy me.

insistence

n. the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence

synonym : persistence, determination, demand

(1) collective **insistence**, (2) rigid **insistence**
Despite her **insistence**, he refused to change his mind.

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.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

slim

adj. having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited

synonym : slender, thin, lean

(1) **slim** chances, (2) **slim** margin

The **slim** laptop was easy to carry around and perfect for travel.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re___e camp *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
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19. su_____te to death *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
20. co_____t mainly of cells *v.* to be composed or made up of
21. un_____k the door *v.* to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else
22. the ra_____ed world of academics *adj.* not commonly known or understood, particularly due to belonging to a specialized or elite group
23. bear sp__e against him *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
24. ut_____y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
25. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
26. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
27. mo_____ze about politics *v.* to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior

ANSWERS: 19. suffocate, 20. consist, 21. unstick, 22. rarefied, 23. spite, 24. utterly, 25. rev, 26. bomb, 27. moralize

28. g__m reality *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
29. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
30. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
31. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
32. ascend to he___n *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
33. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
34. ch_____ne toast *n.* a type of sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, or any similar wine produced elsewhere
35. ap_____t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
36. he___c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

ANSWERS: 28. grim, 29. curve, 30. myth, 31. possibility, 32. heaven, 33. accident, 34. champagne, 35. appoint, 36. heroic

37. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
38. cou_____rt agreement *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
39. gain a va_____e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
40. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
41. a harbor of re___e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
42. opt_____st appointment *n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids
43. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
44. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

ANSWERS: 37. anthropology, 38. counterpart, 39. vantage, 40. aspect, 41. refuge, 42. optometrist, 43. hop, 44. emerge

45. ca___n of skyscrapers *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
46. sla_____use operation *n.* a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
47. pa_____e story *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
48. ha_____ss substances *adj.* not able or not likely to cause damage or harm
49. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
50. int_____tic travel *adj.* existing or occurring between different galaxies (= an independent group of stars)
51. second co___c velocity *adj.* relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless
52. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
53. ab___t a girl *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
54. inf_____lum hypothalami *n.* a funnel-shaped part of a bodily structure, particularly the brain or reproductive system
55. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

ANSWERS: 45. canyon, 46. slaughterhouse, 47. parable, 48. harmless, 49. victim, 50. intergalactic, 51. cosmic, 52. nation, 53. abduct, 54. infundibulum, 55. graph

56. bit of good fo____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
57. fa__y tale *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
58. negotiating cou_____rt *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
59. dis_____sh these two things *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
60. 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
61. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
62. avoid am_____ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
63. ha_____ss in most people *adj.* not able or not likely to cause damage or harm
64. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
65. cl_____ut definition *adj.* defined or delimited sharply and distinctly; easily seen or understood; without ambiguity or confusion

ANSWERS: 56. fortune, 57. fairy, 58. counterpart, 59. distinguish, 60. develop, 61. recognize, 62. ambiguity, 63. harmless, 64. odds, 65. clear-cut

66. di__h my career *n.* a long, narrow, and shallow depression or channel that is dug into the ground; (verb) to throw away
67. s__m margin *adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited
68. sla_____use facility *n.* a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
69. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
70. from the cr___e to the grave *n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates
71. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
72. animal ex_____nt *n.* the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract
73. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
74. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
75. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
76. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 66. ditch, 67. slim, 68. slaughterhouse, 69. echo, 70. cradle, 71. confuse, 72. excrement, 73. predict, 74. universe, 75. advance, 76. universe

77. co___c background radiation *adj.* relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless
78. ra____ed language *adj.* not commonly known or understood, particularly due to belonging to a specialized or elite group
79. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
80. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
81. have dev____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
82. ye__t-leavened bread *n.* a type of fungus that is used in making alcoholic drinks such as beer and wine or to make bread rise
83. mo____ze a situation *v.* to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior
84. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
85. cl____ut evidence *adj.* defined or delimited sharply and distinctly; easily seen or understood; without ambiguity or confusion
86. make a str____ard dash *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

ANSWERS: 77. cosmic, 78. rarefied, 79. graph, 80. confuse, 81. devastating, 82. yeast, 83. moralize, 84. rev, 85. clear-cut, 86. straightforward

87. ye__t cell *n.* a type of fungus that is used in making alcoholic drinks such as beer and wine or to make bread rise
88. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
89. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
90. an a_c of a circumference *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
91. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
92. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
93. ti_____c compound *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
94. non-fi_____al text *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
95. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
96. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
97. human ex_____nt *n.* the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract

ANSWERS: 87. yeast, 88. possibility, 89. religion, 90. arc, 91. underground, 92. grand, 93. titanic, 94. fictional, 95. meaningless, 96. tale, 97. excrement

98. lu____us glow *adj.* emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment
99. the a_c current *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
100. po_____ss task *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
101. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
102. de_____sh a bridge *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
103. as___s the quality *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
104. chemicals al___d products *adj.* united or connected by a political or military agreement
105. e_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
106. sorted in chr_____cal order *adj.* arranged in the order in which events occurred
107. sp_____ad campaign *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
108. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

ANSWERS: 98. luminous, 99. arc, 100. pointless, 101. myth, 102. demolish, 103. assess, 104. allied, 105. ego, 106. chronological, 107. spearhead, 108. bomb

109. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
110. z__y costume *adj.* eccentric or unconventional humorously or foolishly; clownish; resembling a clown or jester
111. 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
112. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
113. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
114. a fundamental te__t of Judaism *n.* one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded
115. chr_____cal progression *adj.* arranged in the order in which events occurred
116. national e_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
117. al___d forces *adj.* united or connected by a political or military agreement
118. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

ANSWERS: 109. discuss, 110. zany, 111. stick, 112. recognize, 113. eventually, 114. tenet, 115. chronological, 116. ego, 117. allied, 118. odds

119. pr____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
120. a g__m-featured man *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
121. yield cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
122. co____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
123. a scholarship ass_____on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
124. chr_____gy order *n.* the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time
125. limitless va____ss *n.* the extent or size of something, often describing an ample space or area; the quality of being immense or immense in scale
126. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
127. ill fo____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
128. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

ANSWERS: 119. predict, 120. grim, 121. curve, 122. conclude, 123. association, 124. chronology, 125. vastness, 126. intelligence, 127. fortune, 128. crop

129. ch_____ne celebration *n.* a type of sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, or any similar wine produced elsewhere
130. sp_____ad movement *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
131. tiny mo____l *n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something
132. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
133. a water fa__y *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
134. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
135. int_____se exclamation marks *v.* to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals
136. a taste of hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
137. as____s a tax of 10 pounds *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
138. dis_____sh man from the other animals *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
139. agricultural di__h *n.* a long, narrow, and shallow depression or channel that is dug into the ground; (verb) to throw away

ANSWERS: 129. champagne, 130. spearhead, 131. morsel, 132. insist, 133. fairy, 134. conclude, 135. intersperse, 136. humiliation, 137. assess, 138. distinguish, 139. ditch

140. pi_____m site *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
141. treat this dev_____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
142. biblical pa_____e *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
143. fi_____al character *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
144. prospects were bl__k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
145. an intolerable hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
146. resident al__ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
147. ab___t at gunpoint *v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom
148. shrine for pi_____ms *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
149. ut_____y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
150. pituitary inf_____lum *n.* a funnel-shaped part of a bodily structure, particularly the brain or reproductive system
151. s__m chances *adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited

ANSWERS: 140. pilgrim, 141. devastating, 142. parable, 143. fictional, 144. bleak, 145. humiliation, 146. alien, 147. abduct, 148. pilgrim, 149. utterly, 150. infundibulum, 151. slim

152. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
153. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
154. strategic va_____e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
155. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
156. sa_____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
157. a mea_____ss endeavor *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
158. un_____k the pages of a book *v.* to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else
159. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
160. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
161. z__y behavior *adj.* eccentric or unconventional humorously or foolishly; clownish; resembling a clown or jester
162. collective ins_____ce *n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence

ANSWERS: 152. intelligence, 153. emerge, 154. vantage, 155. underground, 156. satisfy, 157. meaningless, 158. unstick, 159. aspect, 160. alien, 161. zany, 162. insistence

163. 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
164. int_____tic matter *adj.* existing or occurring between different galaxies (= an independent group of stars)
165. po_____ss argument *adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless
166. licensed opt_____st *n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids
167. animals in ca_____ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
168. astronomical chr_____gy *n.* the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time
169. non-ad_____nt cell *n.* a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something
170. escape from ca_____ty *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
171. twisty ca____n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

ANSWERS: 163. stick, 164. intergalactic, 165. pointless, 166. optometrist, 167. captivity, 168. chronology, 169. adherent, 170. captivity, 171. canyon

172. de____sh a myth *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
173. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
174. scenic va_____ss *n.* the extent or size of something, often describing an ample space or area; the quality of being immense or immense in scale
175. 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
176. ti_____c battle *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
177. rigid ins_____ce *n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
178. bl__k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
179. a he___c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
180. mouth-watering mo___l *n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something

ANSWERS: 172. demolish, 173. nation, 174. vastness, 175. comedy, 176. titanic, 177. insistence, 178. bleak, 179. heroic, 180. morsel

181. ab____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
182. basic te__ts *n.* one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded
183. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
184. in____t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
185. free from am____ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
186. sa____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
187. show ge____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
188. word ass____ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
189. ad____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
190. he____n on earth *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

ANSWERS: 181. abandon, 182. tenet, 183. grand, 184. insist, 185. ambiguity, 186. satisfy, 187. genuine, 188. association, 189. advance, 190. heaven

191. co_____t only in knowing facts *v.* to be composed or made up of
192. die in sp__e of intensive care *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
193. pro_____ng in bankruptcy *n.* an event or series of events that happen as part of a larger process or action; an official record of legal or administrative action or meeting
194. 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
195. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
196. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
197. a ge_____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

ANSWERS: 191. consist, 192. spite, 193. proceeding, 194. comedy, 195. eventually, 196. hop, 197. genuine

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His public _____ resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.
n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

2. The _____ ship sank on its maiden voyage.
adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

3. This section explains a central _____ of economics.
n. one of the fundamental ideas or beliefs upon which a theory or broader group of views is founded

4. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

5. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.
adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

6. The smell of the _____ made him feel sick to his stomach.
n. a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat

7. She was constantly trying to boost her _____ by talking about her accomplishments.
n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

ANSWERS: 1. humiliation, 2. titanic, 3. tenet, 4. recognize, 5. underground, 6. slaughterhouse, 7. ego

8. The _____ instructions made the task simple and easy to follow.
adj. defined or delimited sharply and distinctly; easily seen or understood; without ambiguity or confusion
9. Our company needs to _____ the business impact of climate change.
v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
10. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
11. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
12. From our _____ point, we could see the whole city skyline.
n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
13. Some of the emigres sought _____ in this country.
n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
14. Most people thought of him as a _____ eccentric.
adj. not able or not likely to cause damage or harm
15. He was a devout _____ of the religion.
n. a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something

ANSWERS: 8. clear-cut, 9. assess, 10. intelligence, 11. discuss, 12. vantage, 13. refuge, 14. harmless, 15. adherent

16. His _____ in the other company is responsible for marketing.
n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
17. The _____ air at the mountaintop made breathing difficult for those not used to high altitudes.
adj. not commonly known or understood, particularly due to belonging to a specialized or elite group
18. 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
19. We are _____ opposed to any form of terrorism.
adv. completely or absolutely
20. 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
21. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
22. A ball flew in a big _____.
n. the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line

ANSWERS: 16. counterpart, 17. rarefied, 18. develop, 19. utterly, 20. comedy, 21. universe, 22. arc

23. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

- v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

24. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

- n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

25. The _____ spaceship traveled to distant planets.

- adj.* existing or occurring between different galaxies (= an independent group of stars)

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

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

27. 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

28. I only had a small _____ of cake while trying to watch my weight.

- n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something

29. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.

- n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

ANSWERS: 23. hopped, 24. religion, 25. intergalactic, 26. anthropology, 27. stick, 28. morsel, 29. fortune

30. Did this response _____ your request?
v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
31. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.
n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
32. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.
n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
33. I had to use a knife to _____ the envelope from the table.
v. to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else
34. Pandas rarely breed in _____.
n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
35. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.
n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
36. The _____ comedian had the audience laughing uncontrollably.
adj. eccentric or unconventional humorously or foolishly; clownish; resembling a clown or jester
37. The _____ of events was important for understanding history.
n. the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time
38. The _____ of the brain helps to regulate the release of hormones.
n. a funnel-shaped part of a bodily structure, particularly the brain or reproductive system

ANSWERS: 30. satisfy, 31. graph, 32. echoed, 33. unstick, 34. captivity, 35. Alien, 36. zany, 37. chronology, 38. infundibulum

39. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
40. As a dog owner, cleaning up your pet's _____ is responsible.
n. the waste matter discharged from the body, particularly that which is evacuated through the bowels or urinary tract
41. The CEO decided to _____ the new project to ensure its success.
v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
42. This experiment's results are _____ because the other conditions are not identical.
adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose
43. The legal _____ took several months to conclude.
n. an event or series of events that happen as part of a larger process or action; an official record of legal or administrative action or meeting
44. The Grand _____ has an awe-inspiring sight.
n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
45. The room was filled with _____ decorations that shone in the dark.
adj. emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment
46. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
47. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

ANSWERS: 39. advance, 40. excrement, 41. spearhead, 42. meaningless, 43. proceeding, 44. Canyon, 45. luminous, 46. confused, 47. bombs

48. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
49. We _____ a cease-fire.
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
50. The baby peacefully slept in her _____ surrounded by stuffed animals and blankets.
n. a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates
51. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.
adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage
52. The farmers used _____ to drain water from their fields.
n. a long, narrow, and shallow depression or channel that is dug into the ground;
(verb) to throw away
53. I don't like it when people try to _____ me about my personal choices.
v. to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior
54. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.
n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
55. The castle was _____ several years later.
v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

ANSWERS: 48. aspects, 49. concluded, 50. cradle, 51. devastating, 52. ditches, 53. moralize, 54. curve, 55. abandoned

56. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.

- n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

57. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

- n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

58. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

59. The passerby witnessed the moment the boy was _____.

- v.* to take someone away illegally to an undisclosed location by force, usually to extract a ransom

60. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

61. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

- n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

62. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

- v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

63. The _____ laptop was easy to carry around and perfect for travel.

- adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited

ANSWERS: 56. tales, 57. accident, 58. eventually, 59. abducted, 60. predict, 61. possibility, 62. emerged, 63. slim

64. He felt like _____ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

- n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

65. The meeting was considered _____ since nothing was accomplished.

- adj.* having no purpose or reason; serving no useful function; meaningless or senseless

66. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.

- n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

67. Despite her _____ he refused to change his mind.

- n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence

68. The political landscape looks _____ without a change of administration.

- adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

69. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

70. The _____ of the ocean was awe-inspiring and humbling.

- n.* the extent or size of something, often describing an ample space or area; the quality of being immense or immense in scale

71. He did it out of _____ to annoy me.

- n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

ANSWERS: 64. heaven, 65. pointless, 66. association, 67. insistence, 68. bleak, 69. insisted, 70. vastness, 71. spite,

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

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

73. The _____ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

74. I visited an _____ to have my eyes checked for a new prescription for glasses.

n. a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids

75. This study _____ four different ways to run a business.

v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

76. The author _____ anecdotes throughout the book to break up the text and make it more engaging.

v. to scatter or distribute among or between other things; to insert or place something at intervals

77. The two countries were _____ in their efforts to combat terrorism.

adj. united or connected by a political or military agreement

78. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 72. Cosmic, 73. ambiguity, 74. optometrist, 75. distinguished, 76. interspersed, 77. allied, 78. rev

79. The city decided to _____ the old, unsafe building and build a new one.
- v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
80. They carefully nurture a _____ fungus used to produce sake.
- n.* a type of fungus that is used in making alcoholic drinks such as beer and wine or to make bread rise
81. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
- n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
82. People can _____ from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.
- v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
83. He presented the timeline of the project in a _____ sequence.
- adj.* arranged in the order in which events occurred
84. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
85. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.
- adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

ANSWERS: 79. demolish, 80. yeast, 81. myth, 82. suffocate, 83. chronological, 84. victim, 85. heroic

86. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
87. The court _____ a guardian for the child.
v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
88. They opened a bottle of _____ to celebrate their success.
n. a type of sparkling wine produced in the Champagne region of France, or any similar wine produced elsewhere
89. The result presented a _____ picture of inefficiency and corruption.
adj. looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
90. The group of _____ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.
n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
91. This examination _____ of five problems to solve.
v. to be composed or made up of
92. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
93. Sow early for an early _____.
n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
94. What are the _____ that he will survive?
n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

ANSWERS: 86. nation, 87. appointed, 88. champagne, 89. grim, 90. pilgrims, 91. consists, 92. grand, 93. crop, 94. odds

95. The names of the company are entirely _____.

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

96. Jesus quoted _____ to teach important lessons to his disciples.

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

97. The defendant gave a _____ and accurate description of the accident.

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

98. The mischievous _____ flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

99. Is this painting _____ or forged?

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

ANSWERS: 95. fictional, 96. parables, 97. straightforward, 98. fairy, 99. genuine