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Session 1: Word List

concert

n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

synonym: gig, musical, show

(1) have a **concert** again, (2) a benefit **concert**

This artist always packs the **concert** halls.

symphony

n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

synonym: orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym: go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

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

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

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.

tan

v. to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun

synonym : brown, sunburn

(1) **tan** after sun exposure, (2) **tan** poorly

She spent the whole summer **tanning** on the beach.

movement

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

synonym : motion, progression, action

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

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

victory

n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

synonym : win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

concrete

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

synonym : actual, factual, hardened

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

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

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym : conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

insistent

adj. characterized by a persistent and forceful demand or urging; unyielding or uncompromising in one's position or viewpoint; persistent in pursuit of a goal or objective

synonym : demanding, persistent, assertive

(1) **insistent** tone, (2) **insistent** demand

The **insistent** chatter from the other room made it impossible for her to focus on her work.

sententious

adj. given to using proverbs, quips, or maxims in an attempt to sound wise or impressive; given to making moralizing or preachy statements in a way that is regarded as pompous, affected, or tiresome

synonym : moralistic, preachy, didactic

(1) **sententious** proverb, (2) **sententious** comment

He spoke in a **sententious** tone, making it seem like he was above us all.

triumph

n. a great victory or achievement

synonym : victory, success, conquest

(1) **triumph** of democracy, (2) **triumph** of the spirit

The team's **triumph** in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

validate

v. to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved

synonym : approve, certify, verify

(1) **validate** a hypothesis, (2) **validate** a passport

To **validate** your purchase, please visit the following link.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

squeeze

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

synonym: compress, crush, clamp

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

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

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym: acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

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

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

orchestra

n. a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

synonym: ensemble, symphony, band

(1) full **orchestra**, (2) **orchestra** conductor

The accomplished **orchestra** will give two more performances this week.

anticipate

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

synonym: forecast, predict, expect

(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

miracle

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

synonym: wonder, marvel, phenomenon

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

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

gesture

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

synonym: motion, expression, gesticulation

(1) **gesture** of goodwill, (2) hand **gesture**

She made a facial **gesture** to express disagreement.

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.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

chord

n. a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time

synonym : harmony, concord, consonance

(1) **chord** transition, (2) his vocal **chords**

The pianist played a **chord** that filled the room with a rich, harmonious sound.

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym : modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym : decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

cough

v. to expel air from the lungs suddenly and noisily, often as a reaction to irritation, illness, or some other physical condition; (noun) a sudden, forceful expulsion of air from the lungs, often accompanied by a distinctive sound

synonym : hack, clear throat, wheeze

(1) **cough** several times, (2) persistent **cough**

I can't stop **coughing** and think I might have caught a cold.

compulsive

adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

synonym : compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable

(1) **compulsive** gambling, (2) **compulsive** behavior

He had a **compulsive** need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym: deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

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.

rhythm

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

synonym: beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**

He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

extinction

n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

synonym: disappearance, eradication, annihilation

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

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

stabilize

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

synonym: brace, steady, secure

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

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

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym: critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

pulse

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

synonym: beat, vibration, throb

(1) a weak **pulse**, (2) **pulse** waves

The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your **pulse**.

violin

n. a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

synonym: fiddle

(1) **violin** soloist, (2) play the **violin**

The cello is a member of the **violin** family.

sprout

v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

synonym: germinate, grow, bud

(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings

The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.

erratic

adj. characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality

synonym: unpredictable, irregular, unstable

(1) **erratic** behavior, (2) **erratic** movements

The stock market has been behaving in an **erratic** manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.

intermittent

adj. occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; stopping and starting periodically; sporadic

synonym : sporadic, irregular, periodic

(1) **intermittent** fever, (2) **intermittent** Wi-Fi

The **intermittent** rain made it difficult to plan a picnic.

melodic

adj. having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music

synonym : harmonious, pleasing, musical

(1) **melodic** scale, (2) transcribe **melodic** patterns

She played a **melodic** piece on the piano.

consistency

n. the quality of acting or being done in the same way over time; the quality of not containing any logical contradictions

synonym : thickness, firmness, regularity

(1) lack **consistency**, (2) **consistency** of results

There's no **consistency** in his arguments.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

imminent

adj. coming or likely to happen very soon

synonym : looming, coming, impending

(1) **imminent** danger, (2) **imminent** arrest

This country was long faced with **imminent** peril.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym : result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

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.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym : renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym : infectious, transmissible, communicable

(1) **contagious** enthusiasm, (2) **contagious** virus

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym : surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

phenomenon

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

synonym : marvel, wonder, splendor

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

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

accommodate

v. to provide someone with a place to live or to be stored in; to make fit for or to change to suit a new purpose

synonym: house, rent, adjust

(1) **accommodate** a person with money, (2) **accommodate** these needs

This large SUV **accommodates** eight people.

relax

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

synonym: soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

onslaught

n. a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

synonym: attack, assault, charge

(1) **onslaught** of criticism, (2) urban **onslaught**

The village was unprepared for the sudden **onslaught** of the enemy army.

conquest

n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

synonym: subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**

He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym : change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

stability

n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

synonym : resilience, solidity, steadiness

(1) **stability** pact, (2) fiscal **stability** pact

The policy should increase the country's monetary **stability**.

melody

n. a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music

synonym : tune, song, piece

(1) a simple **melody**, (2) the **melody** of a tune

This harmonious **melody** immortalized its composer.

harmony

n. the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

synonym : balance, accord, congruence

(1) a **harmony** of colors, (2) break a **harmony**

We worked in perfect **harmony**.

meantime

n. the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

synonym : interim, meanwhile, lag

(1) **meantime** report, (2) for the **meantime**

In the **meantime**, while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym : respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
synonym: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**
Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future;
a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

dissolution

n. the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization
synonym: disintegration, decay, breakup

(1) **dissolution** of a company, (2) **dissolution** of the sugar
The **dissolution** of the partnership was a difficult and emotional process.

rambling

adj. disorganized and lacking in structure or coherence; using many words to express an idea or thought in a way that lacks clarity or focus
synonym: disorganized, incoherent, sprawling

(1) **rambling** speech, (2) **rambling** narrative

The hiking trail was a long and **rambling** route through the mountains.

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.

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym: disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

prediction

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

synonym: forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddied the **prediction**.

willingness

n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something

synonym: readiness, eagerness, enthusiasm

(1) **willingness** to help, (2) indicate a **willingness** to change

Her **willingness** to help others earned her many friends.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

verify

v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

synonym: affirm, ascertain, confirm

(1) **verify** a document, (2) **verify** identity

We always **verify** all critical information independently.

evocative

adj. tending to evoke or bring something to mind

synonym : suggestive, stimulating, provocative

(1) **evocative** memories, (2) **evocative** language

The music was **evocative** of a bygone era.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym : amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym : extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

suspend

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

synonym : stop, postpone, adjourn

(1) **suspend** a decision, (2) **suspend** fruits from the ceiling

The University **suspended** the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

betray

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

synonym : fail, denounce, display

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

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

accompaniment

n. something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist

synonym : support, aide, attendant

(1) the piano **accompaniment**, (2) **accompaniment** to the main course

The piano provided a beautiful **accompaniment** to the singer's voice.

closure

n. the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently

synonym: shutdown, stoppage, termination

(1) public school **closures**, (2) **closure** of a road

They regretted the **closure** of their restaurant.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym: friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

fulfill

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

synonym: satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym: acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

opera

n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

synonym: musical, operetta, oratorio

(1) ballad **opera**, (2) **opera** performance

She loves going to the **opera** house and hearing the beautiful music.

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.

prelude

n. an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action

synonym: introduction, opening, prologue

(1) **prelude** music, (2) ominous **prelude**

The book's introductory chapter provided a **prelude** to the rest of the story.

reaffirm

v. to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true

synonym: declare, acknowledge, advocate

(1) **reaffirm** a relationship, (2) **reaffirm** the basic points

The board member of the pharmaceutical company **reaffirmed** the commitment to public health.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

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.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym: idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

rapt

adj. deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed

synonym: entranced, absorbed, spellbound

(1) **rapt** audience, (2) have a **rapt** expression

She was **rapt** in concentration as she listened to the lecture.

predictable

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

synonym: foreseeable, expectable, likely

(1) **predictable** pattern, (2) in a **predictable** manner

The economy becomes more volatile and less **predictable**.

destabilize

v. to cause something to become less stable or secure

synonym: unsettle, disrupt, upset

(1) **destabilize** the market, (2) **destabilize** a good relationship

The political crisis **destabilized** the country and caused widespread turmoil.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym: tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love

Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym: despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

hint

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

synonym: clue, indication, suggestion

(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**

There was no **hint** of a problem.

waltz

n. a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

synonym: ballroom dance, tango, foxtrot

(1) **waltz** music, (2) elegant **waltz**

The dancers practiced the steps of the **waltz** meticulously to perfect their performance.

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.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym: legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

heir

n. a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies

synonym: successor, inheritor, beneficiary

(1) an imperial **heir**, (2) **heir** at law

She recognized me as her lawful **heir**.

subtle

adj. not readily apparent or visible

synonym: slight, nuanced, exquisite

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

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

tempo

n. the speed at which a piece of music is performed

synonym: pace, rhythm, speed

(1) a quick **tempo**, (2) set **tempo**

The **tempo** of the music was slow and soothing.

grace

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

synonym: charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym: extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical**

than before.

unconscious

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

synonym : comatose, paralyzed, senseless

(1) **unconscious** bias, (2) a person who is **unconscious**
I know his **unconscious** habit that he touches his face when he lies.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym : fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy
Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

decadent

adj. characterized by or showing a state of moral or cultural decline

synonym : effete, depraved, corrupt

(1) **decadent** country, (2) have a **decadent** time
He had been living a **decadent** life after being fired from his job.

spook

v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

synonym : frighten, scare, discomfort

(1) **spook** the fish, (2) **spook** the children
The bankruptcy of that company **spooked** markets.

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.

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.

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.

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym : change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

synonym : control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

suggestive

adj. evocative or hinting at something without expressing it directly; having or conveying an implied or indirect

meaning or message

synonym : evocative, allusive, provocative

(1) **suggestive** gesture, (2) **suggestive** image

The **suggestive** artwork on display was thought-provoking and sparked many discussions.

erotic

adj. relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative

synonym : sensual, arousing, sexy

(1) **erotic** novel, (2) **erotic** dance

The painting contained subtle **erotic** undertones.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym : stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

crawl

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

synonym : creep, drag

(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car

Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.

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.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym : lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life

insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

provocative

adj. arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

synonym : instigating, provoking, inciting

(1) **provocative** questions, (2) a **provocative** smile

His **provocative** style frequently sparked controversies.

deaf

adj. lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals

synonym : hearing-impaired, unresponsive, insensitive

(1) **deaf** in one ear, (2) **deaf** child

The **deaf** student needed an interpreter to understand the lecture.

faun

n. a woodland creature, often depicted in mythology as having the lower body of a goat and the upper body of a man and associated with fertility and the natural world

synonym : sylvan, satyr, woodland creature

(1) **faun** statue, (2) the **faun** of the grasslands

The children's book featured a whimsical and imaginary **faun** as its main character.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

absence

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

synonym :

dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

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.

complicit

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

synonym: compliant, involved, accessory

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

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

lucubration

n. intense and often scholarly study or writing done late at night, often involving long hours and intense concentration

synonym: study, research, scholarship

(1) political **lucubration**, (2) **lucubration** session

His work was the product of many long nights of **lucubration**.

instability

n. the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly

synonym: imbalance, fluctuation, unstableness

(1) political **instability**, (2) **instability** in currency markets

Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional **instability**.

instinctive

adj. relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency

synonym: spontaneous, intuitive, natural

(1) **instinctive** reaction, (2) **instinctive** behavior

It was **instinctive** for the mother to protect her child from harm.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude;
(in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym: response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

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.

unstable

adj. lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions

synonym: shaky, unbalanced, inconsistent

(1) mentally **unstable**, (2) **unstable** weather

The tower proved to be **unstable** in the high wind.

detective

n. a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them

synonym: gumshoe, investigator, hawkshaw

(1) **detective** work, (2) **detective** movie

The **detective** diligently pursued his cases.

doubt

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

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

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

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

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym : scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

impending

adj. about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

synonym : imminent, upcoming, approaching

(1) **impending** doom, (2) **impending** crisis

We must prepare for the **impending** storm expected to hit our area.

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym : exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

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.

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym: remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

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**.

unnoticed

adj. not seen or noticed

synonym: ignored, overlooked, unrecognized

(1) **unnoticed** by all, (2) go **unnoticed** for a long period

His research went largely **unnoticed** until a prominent researcher cited it.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym: recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym: boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

puzzled

adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

synonym: confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question

She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

Session 2: Spelling

1. or_____ra conductor *n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
2. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
3. wil_____ss to help *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
4. pu__e waves *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
5. hu___e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
6. 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
7. va_____te a hypothesis *v.* to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved
8. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
9. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 1. orchestra, 2. confuse, 3. willingness, 4. pulse, 5. humble, 6. stick, 7. validate, 8. trigger, 9. contribute

10. con_____us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
11. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
12. t_n after sun exposure *v.* to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun
13. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
14. fu_____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
15. 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
16. political luc_____on *n.* intense and often scholarly study or writing done late at night, often involving long hours and intense concentration
17. er___c novel *adj.* relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative
18. sp_____te on the outcome *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
19. sug_____ve gesture *adj.* evocative or hinting at something without expressing it directly; having or conveying an implied or indirect meaning or message

ANSWERS: 10. contagious, 11. perception, 12. tan, 13. tradition, 14. fulfill, 15. decide, 16. lucubration, 17. erotic, 18. speculate, 19. suggestive

20. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
21. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
22. 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
23. full or_____ra *n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
24. economic mi_____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
25. a ha_____y of colors *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
26. play a vi__l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
27. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
28. unc_____us bias *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

ANSWERS: 20. responsible, 21. identify, 22. tradition, 23. orchestra, 24. miracle, 25. harmony, 26. vital, 27. recognition, 28. unconscious

29. vi___n soloist *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
30. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
31. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
32. ro_____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
33. cl_____e of a road *n.* the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently
34. ins_____ve behavior *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
35. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
36. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
37. tr_____h of democracy *n.* a great victory or achievement
38. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
39. urban on_____ht *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

ANSWERS: 29. violin, 30. unexpected, 31. unexpected, 32. romantic, 33. closure, 34. instinctive, 35. permanent, 36. movement, 37. triumph, 38. instance, 39. onslaught

40. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
41. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
42. des_____ze a good relationship *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
43. he_____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
44. ho_____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
45. in_____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
46. a person who is unc_____us *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
47. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
48. upcoming crime dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
49. break a ha_____y *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
50. sp_____te about the reason *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
51. a pro_____ve smile *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

ANSWERS: 40. alternative, 41. permanent, 42. destabilize, 43. heritage, 44. hopeless, 45. infinite, 46. unconscious, 47. doubt, 48. drama, 49. harmony, 50. speculate, 51. provocative

52. on_____ht of criticism *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
53. 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
54. me_____me report *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
55. a su_____e poison *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
56. de_____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
57. sen_____us comment *adj.* given to using proverbs, quips, or maxims in an attempt to sound wise or impressive; given to making moralizing or preachy statements in a way that is regarded as pompous, affected, or tiresome
58. 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
59. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
60. at_____d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
61. si_____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 52. onslaught, 53. disconnect, 54. meantime, 55. subtle, 56. decide, 57. sententious, 58. universe, 59. essential, 60. attend, 61. silent

62. de____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
63. ca____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
64. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
65. vi____y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
66. co____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
67. er____c behavior *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
68. ballad op__a *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
69. ab____e from work *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
70. a ra____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
71. sense of op____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
72. d__f child *adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals

ANSWERS: 62. declare, 63. capture, 64. fascinate, 65. victory, 66. contrast, 67. erratic, 68. opera, 69. absence, 70. radical, 71. optimism, 72. deaf

73. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
74. me____c scale *adj.* having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music
75. pr____e music *n.* an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action
76. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
77. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
78. di_____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
79. pre_____le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
80. gloomy pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
81. ra_____ng speech *adj.* disorganized and lacking in structure or coherence; using many words to express an idea or thought in a way that lacks clarity or focus
82. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 73. cling, 74. melodic, 75. prelude, 76. phenomenon, 77. resolve, 78. distort, 79. predictable, 80. prediction, 81. rambling, 82. plot

83. im_____nt arrest *adj.* coming or likely to happen very soon
84. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
85. the f__n of the grasslands *n.* a woodland creature, often depicted in mythology as having the lower body of a goat and the upper body of a man and associated with fertility and the natural world
86. de_____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
87. an imperial h__r *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
88. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
89. im_____ng crisis *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
90. ge_____e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
91. 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
92. keen per_____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 83. imminent, 84. apparently, 85. faun, 86. declare, 87. heir, 88. responsible, 89. impending, 90. gesture, 91. universe, 92. perception

93. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
94. in samba rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
95. con_____us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
96. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
97. pu_____d expression *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
98. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
99. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
100. 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
101. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

ANSWERS: 93. fundamental, 94. rhythm, 95. contagious, 96. capture, 97. puzzled, 98. tip, 99. phenomenon, 100. recognize, 101. distort

102. tra_____on phase	<i>n.</i>	the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
103. pe_____ul coexistence	<i>adj.</i>	not involving violence, conflict, or war
104. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty	<i>n.</i>	a strong desire to know or learn about something
105. financial in_____ves	<i>n.</i>	something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
106. se___e him into crime	<i>v.</i>	to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
107. a hu___e cottage	<i>adj.</i>	having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
108. su___e changes	<i>adj.</i>	not readily apparent or visible
109. re_____on between cause and effect	<i>n.</i>	the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
110. 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
111. a fairy t___e	<i>n.</i>	a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
112. re__t at a high temperature	<i>v.</i>	to take action in response to something
113. ant_____te your kind cooperation	<i>v.</i>	to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
114. ensure a smooth tra_____on	<i>n.</i>	the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

ANSWERS: 102. transition, 103. peaceful, 104. curiosity, 105. incentive, 106. seduce, 107. humble, 108. subtle, 109. relation, 110. discovery, 111. tale, 112. react, 113. anticipate, 114. transition

115. su____d fruits from the ceiling *v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
116. collective ins_____ce *n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
117. elegant wa__z *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
118. st_____ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
119. sq_____e a lemon *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
120. co__h several times *v.* to expel air from the lungs suddenly and noisily, often as a reaction to irritation, illness, or some other physical condition; (noun) a sudden, forceful expulsion of air from the lungs, often accompanied by a distinctive sound
121. re____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
122. the ex__t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
123. sq_____e a confession *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

ANSWERS: 115. suspend, 116. insistence, 117. waltz, 118. stabilize, 119. squeeze, 120. cough, 121. recreate, 122. extent, 123. squeeze

124. er___c dance *adj.* relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative
125. h__r at law *n.* a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
126. re__x a series of muscles *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
127. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
128. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
129. in a pre_____le manner *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
130. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
131. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
132. have a r__t expression *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
133. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

ANSWERS: 124. erotic, 125. heir, 126. relax, 127. abstract, 128. sect, 129. predictable, 130. vital, 131. experiment, 132. rapt, 133. concrete

134. st_____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
135. secular dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
136. op__a performance *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
137. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
138. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
139. in_____nt tone *adj.* characterized by a persistent and forceful demand or urging; unyielding or uncompromising in one's position or viewpoint; persistent in pursuit of a goal or objective
140. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
141. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
142. un_____le weather *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
143. make a co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
144. end of the gr__e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

ANSWERS: 134. stabilize, 135. drama, 136. opera, 137. apparently, 138. increasingly, 139. insistent, 140. fascinate, 141. grace, 142. unstable, 143. conquest, 144. grace

145. chemical re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
146. de____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
147. ev____ve memories *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
148. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
149. pro____ve questions *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
150. a beautiful sy____ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
151. pro____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
152. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
153. for in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
154. sug____ve image *adj.* evocative or hinting at something without expressing it directly; having or conveying an implied or indirect meaning or message

ANSWERS: 145. reaction, 146. dedicate, 147. evocative, 148. tip, 149. provocative, 150. symphony, 151. progression, 152. hint, 153. instance, 154. suggestive

155. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
156. fiscal st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
157. 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
158. re__x at home *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
159. at_____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
160. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
161. ch__d transition *n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time
162. sp__k the children *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
163. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
164. political ins_____ty *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
165. 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
166. un_____ed by all *adj.* not seen or noticed
167. er_____c movements *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality

ANSWERS: 155. relation, 156. stability, 157. echo, 158. relax, 159. attitude, 160. contrast, 161. chord, 162. spook, 163. essential, 164. instability, 165. recognize, 166. unnoticed, 167. erratic

168. his vocal ch__ds *n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time
169. brink of ext_____on *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
170. cr__l across the floor *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
171. im_____ng doom *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
172. have a co_____t again *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
173. measures to pr_____g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
174. de_____nt country *adj.* characterized by or showing a state of moral or cultural decline
175. re_____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
176. ins_____ve reaction *adj.* relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
177. fu_____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
178. give si____t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
179. ant_____te a black future *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

ANSWERS: 168. chord, 169. extinction, 170. crawl, 171. impending, 172. concert, 173. prolong, 174. decadent, 175. resolve, 176. instinctive, 177. fulfill, 178. silent, 179. anticipate

180. for the me____me *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
181. imperial co____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
182. a benefit co____t *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
183. se____ve documents *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
184. ev____ve language *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind
185. an in____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
186. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
187. sp____t wings *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
188. tr____h of the spirit *n.* a great victory or achievement
189. acc____te these needs *v.* to provide someone with a place to live or to be stored in; to make fit for or to change to suit a new purpose

ANSWERS: 180. meantime, 181. conquest, 182. concert, 183. sensitive, 184. evocative, 185. incentive, 186. plot, 187. sprout, 188. triumph, 189. accommodate

190. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
191. pe_____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
192. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
193. int_____ent Wi-Fi *adj.* occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; stopping and starting periodically; sporadic
194. ch__t in a game *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
195. a weak pu__e *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
196. administrative co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
197. ro_____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
198. lack con_____cy *n.* the quality of acting or being done in the same way over time; the quality of not containing any logical contradictions
199. mi_____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
200. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

ANSWERS: 190. attitude, 191. peaceful, 192. alternative, 193. intermittent, 194. cheat, 195. pulse, 196. confusion, 197. romantic, 198. consistency, 199. miracle, 200. outcome

201. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
202. transcribe me_____c patterns *adj.* having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music
203. des_____ze the market *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
204. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
205. st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
206. sp__k the fish *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
207. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
208. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
209. re_____rm the basic points *v.* to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true
210. have a de_____nt time *adj.* characterized by or showing a state of moral or cultural decline
211. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

ANSWERS: 201. outcome, 202. melodic, 203. destabilize, 204. optimism, 205. stability, 206. spook, 207. reaction, 208. abstract, 209. reaffirm, 210. decadent, 211. betray

212. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
213. in great co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
214. co_____it in cover-up *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
215. a leave of ab_____e *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
216. irregular heart rh____m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
217. ra_____ng narrative *adj.* disorganized and lacking in structure or coherence; using many words to express an idea or thought in a way that lacks clarity or focus
218. im_____nt danger *adj.* coming or likely to happen very soon
219. sen_____us proverb *adj.* given to using proverbs, quips, or maxims in an attempt to sound wise or impressive; given to making moralizing or preachy statements in a way that is regarded as pompous, affected, or tiresome
220. vi_____y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

ANSWERS: 212. recreate, 213. confusion, 214. complicit, 215. absence, 216. rhythm, 217. rambling, 218. imminent, 219. sententious, 220. victory

221. joint rec_____on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
222. sp____t seeds *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
223. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
224. f__n statue *n.* a woodland creature, often depicted in mythology as having the lower body of a goat and the upper body of a man and associated with fertility and the natural world
225. co_____it behavior *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
226. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
227. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
228. baby with se_____ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

ANSWERS: 221. recognition, 222. sprout, 223. sect, 224. faun, 225. complicit, 226. rediscover, 227. manipulate, 228. sensitive

229. helpful h__ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
230. public school cl____es *n.* the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently
231. sigh of re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
232. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
233. rigid ins_____ce *n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
234. 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
235. persistent co__h *v.* to expel air from the lungs suddenly and noisily, often as a reaction to irritation, illness, or some other physical condition; (noun) a sudden, forceful expulsion of air from the lungs, often accompanied by a distinctive sound
236. dis_____on of a company *n.* the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization
237. va_____te a passport *v.* to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved

ANSWERS: 229. hint, 230. closure, 231. relief, 232. curiosity, 233. insistence, 234. disconnect, 235. cough, 236. dissolution, 237. validate

238. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
239. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
240. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
241. hand ge_____e *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
242. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
243. luc_____on session *n.* intense and often scholarly study or writing done late at night, often involving long hours and intense concentration
244. de_____ve work *n.* a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them
245. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
246. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
247. the me____y of a tune *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
248. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 238. scenario, 239. concrete, 240. confuse, 241. gesture, 242. radical, 243. lucubration, 244. detective, 245. progression, 246. identify, 247. melody, 248. contribute

249. cr__l away from a car *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
250. acc_____te a person with money *v.* to provide someone with a place to live or to be stored in; to make fit for or to change to suit a new purpose
251. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
252. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
253. set te__o *n.* the speed at which a piece of music is performed
254. com_____ve gambling *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
255. red_____er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
256. r__t audience *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
257. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
258. a sy_____ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

ANSWERS: 249. crawl, 250. accommodate, 251. increasingly, 252. tale, 253. tempo, 254. compulsive, 255. rediscover, 256. rapt, 257. predict, 258. symphony

259. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
260. de_____ve movie *n.* a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them
261. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
262. indicate a wil_____ss to change *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
263. in_____te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
264. 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
265. acc_____ent to the main course *n.* something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist
266. go un_____ed for a long period *adj.* not seen or noticed
267. pr_____g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
268. play the vi____n *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

ANSWERS: 259. manipulate, 260. detective, 261. incredible, 262. willingness, 263. infinite, 264. stick, 265. accompaniment, 266. unnoticed, 267. prolong, 268. violin

269. 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
270. t_n poorly *v.* to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun
271. tr_____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
272. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
273. in_____nt demand *adj.* characterized by a persistent and forceful demand or urging; unyielding or uncompromising in one's position or viewpoint; persistent in pursuit of a goal or objective
274. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
275. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
276. re_____rm a relationship *v.* to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true
277. ve___y a document *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
278. con_____cy of results *n.* the quality of acting or being done in the same way over time; the quality of not containing any logical contradictions

ANSWERS: 269. discovery, 270. tan, 271. trigger, 272. doubt, 273. insistent, 274. fundamental, 275. cheat, 276. reaffirm, 277. verify, 278. consistency

279. historical he____ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
280. se___e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
281. cl__g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
282. the piano acc_____ent *n.* something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist
283. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
284. ins_____ty in currency markets *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
285. dis_____on of the sugar *n.* the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization
286. ve___y identity *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
287. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
288. be___y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

ANSWERS: 279. heritage, 280. seduce, 281. cling, 282. accompaniment, 283. experiment, 284. instability, 285. dissolution, 286. verify, 287. conclude, 288. betray

289. make my pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
290. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
291. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
292. tax re____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
293. a simple me____y *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
294. wa__z music *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
295. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
296. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
297. int_____ent fever *adj.* occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; stopping and starting periodically; sporadic
298. mentally un_____le *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions

ANSWERS: 289. prediction, 290. conclude, 291. scenario, 292. relief, 293. melody, 294. waltz, 295. predict, 296. react, 297. intermittent, 298. unstable

299. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
300. certain ex____t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
301. sound e__o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
302. d__f in one ear *adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
303. a quick te__o *n.* the speed at which a piece of music is performed
304. ho_____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
305. com_____ve behavior *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
306. su_____d a decision *v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
307. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
308. ominous pr_____e *n.* an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action

ANSWERS: 299. transformation, 300. extent, 301. echo, 302. deaf, 303. tempo, 304. hopeless, 305. compulsive, 306. suspend, 307. dedicate, 308. prelude

309. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
310. at____d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
311. ext_____on prevention *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
312. pu_____d by the question *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
313. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
314. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 309. movement, 310. attend, 311. extinction, 312. puzzled, 313. transformation, 314. incredible

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

2. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.
n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

3. 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

4. The political crisis _____ the country and caused widespread turmoil.
v. to cause something to become less stable or secure

5. We need to _____ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.
v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

6. There's no _____ in his arguments.
n. the quality of acting or being done in the same way over time; the quality of not containing any logical contradictions

7. He _____ to the hope that he will find a job soon.
v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

8. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.
n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

ANSWERS: 1. recreated, 2. grace, 3. discovery, 4. destabilized, 5. prolong, 6. consistency, 7. clings, 8. confusion

9. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
10. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
11. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
12. The rules were _____ after the new executive arrived.
v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
13. I can't stop _____ and think I might have caught a cold.
v. to expel air from the lungs suddenly and noisily, often as a reaction to irritation, illness, or some other physical condition; (noun) a sudden, forceful expulsion of air from the lungs, often accompanied by a distinctive sound
14. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
15. 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
16. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.
n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 9. alternative, 10. fundamental, 11. sect, 12. relaxed, 13. coughing, 14. incredible, 15. decide, 16. perception

17. He spoke in a _____ tone, making it seem like he was above us all.
adj. given to using proverbs, quips, or maxims in an attempt to sound wise or impressive; given to making moralizing or preachy statements in a way that is regarded as pompous, affected, or tiresome
18. 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
19. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.
adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
20. The stock market has been behaving in an _____ manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.
adj. characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
21. She made a facial _____ to express disagreement.
n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
22. The _____ of the partnership was a difficult and emotional process.
n. the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization
23. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
24. The flowers in the garden began to _____ after the first rain of the season.
v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

ANSWERS: 17. sententious, 18. identify, 19. hopeless, 20. erratic, 21. gesture, 22. dissolution, 23. reaction, 24. sprout

25. We are optimistic about our final _____.

- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

26. We worked in perfect _____.

- n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

27. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

- adv.* more and more

28. He had been living a _____ life after being fired from his job.

- adj.* characterized by or showing a state of moral or cultural decline

29. We always _____ all critical information independently.

- v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

30. The bankruptcy of that company _____ markets.

- v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

31. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.

- n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something

32. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

- n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

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

- n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

ANSWERS: 25. victory, 26. harmony, 27. increasingly, 28. decadent, 29. verify, 30. spooked, 31. curiosity, 32. recognition, 33. extinction

34. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

35. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

36. 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

37. She had the _____ that work was fun.

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

38. The _____ student needed an interpreter to understand the lecture.

adj. lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals

39. A rainbow is a natural _____.

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

40. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

41. The hiking trail was a long and _____ route through the mountains.

adj. disorganized and lacking in structure or coherence; using many words to express an idea or thought in a way that lacks clarity or focus

ANSWERS: 34. unexpected, 35. relief, 36. tradition, 37. attitude, 38. deaf, 39. phenomenon, 40. silent, 41. rambling

42. This large SUV _____ eight people.
v. to provide someone with a place to live or to be stored in; to make fit for or to change to suit a new purpose
43. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.
n. a great victory or achievement
44. She recognized me as her lawful _____.
n. a person who has the legal right to receive someone's money, property, or a title from another person when that person dies
45. I know his _____ habit that he touches his face when he lies.
adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
46. The president asked for a more _____ plan.
adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
47. 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
48. To _____ your purchase, please visit the following link.
v. to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved
49. She spent the whole summer _____ on the beach.
v. to become brown as a result of exposure to the sun

ANSWERS: 42. accommodates, 43. triumph, 44. heir, 45. unconscious, 46. concrete, 47. disconnect, 48. validate, 49. tanning

50. The _____ of the music was slow and soothing.
n. the speed at which a piece of music is performed
51. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
52. There was no _____ of a problem.
n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
53. The music was _____ of a bygone era.
adj. tending to evoke or bring something to mind
54. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
55. These results muddied the _____.
n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
56. The policy should increase the country's monetary _____.
n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
57. She _____ the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.
v. to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
58. This harmonious _____ immortalized its composer.
n. a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
59. Her _____ to help others earned her many friends.
n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something

ANSWERS: 50. tempo, 51. outcome, 52. hint, 53. evocative, 54. progression, 55. prediction, 56. stability, 57. squeezed, 58. melody, 59. willingness

60. The cello is a member of the _____ family.

- n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

61. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's _____.

- n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

62. The board member of the pharmaceutical company _____ the commitment to public health.

- v.* to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true

63. His research went largely _____ until a prominent researcher cited it.

- adj.* not seen or noticed

64. He had a _____ need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

- adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

65. The _____ diligently pursued his cases.

- n.* a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them

66. In the _____ while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.

- n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

ANSWERS: 60. violin, 61. absence, 62. reaffirmed, 63. unnoticed, 64. compulsive, 65. detective, 66. meantime,

67. The raising of interest rates _____ the inflation rate.
v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
68. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.
n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
69. The magic tricks _____ the children.
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
70. She was _____ in concentration as she listened to the lecture.
adj. deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
71. She loves going to the _____ house and hearing the beautiful music.
n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
72. She was _____ by the strange behavior of her cat.
adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
73. The frequent performances of the _____ prove its popularity.
n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
74. The dancers practiced the steps of the _____ meticulously to perfect their performance.
n. a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
75. We must _____ to this matter.
v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

ANSWERS: 67. stabilizes, 68. rhythm, 69. fascinated, 70. rapt, 71. opera, 72. puzzled, 73. symphony, 74. waltz, 75. attend

76. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

77. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

78. We must prepare for the _____ storm expected to hit our area.

adj. about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

79. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

80. It was his first _____ love.

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

81. The incident _____ a political controversy.

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

82. The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your _____.

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

83. We _____ heavy snowfall tomorrow.

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

ANSWERS: 76. radical, 77. transformations, 78. impending, 79. heritage, 80. romantic, 81. triggered, 82. pulse, 83. anticipate

84. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
85. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
86. The disease is highly _____ and spreads quickly.
adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
87. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.
n. the point or degree or area to which something extends
88. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.
n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
89. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.
v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
90. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
91. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.
n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

ANSWERS: 84. relations, 85. contribute, 86. contagious, 87. extent, 88. tales, 89. fulfilled, 90. capture, 91. miracle

92. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

93. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

94. He _____ his life to helping others.

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

95. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

96. This artist always packs the _____ halls.

n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

97. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

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

98. How did he _____ to your idea?

v. to take action in response to something

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

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

ANSWERS: 92. peaceful, 93. plot, 94. dedicated, 95. transition, 96. concert, 97. Doubt, 98. react, 99. responsible

100. His _____ style frequently sparked controversies.
adj. arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
101. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.
v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
102. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.
n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
103. The painting contained subtle _____ undertones.
adj. relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative
104. It was _____ for the mother to protect her child from harm.
adj. relating to or based on instinct; done without conscious thought, as if from an inner compulsion or natural tendency
105. The _____ artwork on display was thought-provoking and sparked many discussions.
adj. evocative or hinting at something without expressing it directly; having or conveying an implied or indirect meaning or message
106. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
107. The _____ chatter from the other room made it impossible for her to focus on her work.
adj. characterized by a persistent and forceful demand or urging; unyielding or uncompromising in one's position or viewpoint; persistent in pursuit of a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 100. provocative, 101. distort, 102. echoed, 103. erotic, 104. instinctive, 105. suggestive, 106. essential, 107. insistent

108. The accomplice was _____ in the crime committed by her partner.

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

109. The piano provided a beautiful _____ to the singer's voice.

n. something that is added to or goes along with something else as a supplement, complement, or support; music played or sung along with a solo instrument or vocalist

110. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

111. The tower proved to be _____ in the high wind.

adj. lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions

112. They regretted the _____ of their restaurant.

n. the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently

113. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

114. He tried to _____ her with his charm and good looks.

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

115. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

ANSWERS: 108. complicit, 109. accompaniment, 110. infinite, 111. unstable, 112. closure, 113. sensitive, 114. seduce, 115. declared

116. The nobler, the more _____.

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

117. His work was the product of many long nights of _____.

n. intense and often scholarly study or writing done late at night, often involving long hours and intense concentration

118. 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

119. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

120. This country was long faced with _____ peril.

adj. coming or likely to happen very soon

121. The book's introductory chapter provided a _____ to the rest of the story.

n. an introductory or preparatory piece of music often played before a larger work or performance; a preliminary or introductory event or action

122. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

123. 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

ANSWERS: 116. humble, 117. lucubration, 118. universe, 119. manipulate, 120. imminent, 121. prelude, 122. instances, 123. stick

124. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

125. The accomplished _____ will give two more performances this week.

n. a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

126. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

127. The _____ rain made it difficult to plan a picnic.

adj. occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; stopping and starting periodically; sporadic

128. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses _____.

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

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

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

130. He continued to grow his empire through _____.

n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

131. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

ANSWERS: 124. contrast, 125. orchestra, 126. cheated, 127. intermittent, 128. crawl, 129. predict, 130. conquest, 131. abstract

132. His _____ showed highly positive results.

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

133. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

134. She played a _____ piece on the piano.

adj. having a pleasant or harmonious sound, especially in relation to music

135. She is searching for a _____ residence.

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

136. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

137. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

138. The University _____ the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

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

139. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

140. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

ANSWERS: 132. experiments, 133. scenarios, 134. melodic, 135. permanent, 136. vital, 137. predictable, 138. suspended, 139. tips, 140. speculated

141. A famous artist painted the room in a _____ pink hue.

adj. not readily apparent or visible

142. She had an audition for _____ school.

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

143. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

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

144. We _____ a cease-fire.

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

145. They have no _____ to win the game.

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

146. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

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

147. The village was unprepared for the sudden _____ of the enemy army.

n. a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

148. 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

ANSWERS: 141. subtle, 142. drama, 143. betrayed, 144. concluded, 145. incentive, 146. movement, 147. onslaught, 148. recognize

149. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

150. Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional _____.

- n. the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly

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

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

152. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.

- n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

153. The painting was _____ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

- v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

154. The pianist played a _____ that filled the room with a rich, harmonious sound.

- n. a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time

155. The children's book featured a whimsical and imaginary _____ as its main character.

- n. a woodland creature, often depicted in mythology as having the lower body of a goat and the upper body of a man and associated with fertility and the natural world

156. This company _____ its battery problem completely.

- v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

ANSWERS: 149. confused, 150. instability, 151. insistence, 152. optimism, 153. rediscovered, 154. chord, 155. faun, 156. resolves

157. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

adv. based on what you have heard or read

ANSWERS: 157. apparently