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Session 1: Word List

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym: applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

launch

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

synonym: start, initiate, begin

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

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

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

basis

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

synonym : foundation, base, ground

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

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

unwanted

adj. not wanted or desired

synonym : undesired, unneeded

(1) **unwanted** attention, (2) **unwanted** guests

He threw away the **unwanted** items in his closet.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

exhausted

adj. extremely tired

synonym : drowsy, depleted, fatigued

(1) the **exhausted** food sources, (2) **exhausted** parents

The **exhausted** runner fell to the ground and gasped.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

compliment

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

synonym : praise, acclamation, tribute

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

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

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

genuine

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

synonym : actual, honest, unpretending

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

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

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.

invitation

n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

synonym : request, asking, proposal

(1) a letter of **invitation**, (2) **invitation** of foreign investment

I will be very happy to accept your **invitation**.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym : raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym : sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

These heavy rains caused **flash** floods on several islands.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym : comfortless, discomfoting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

intrude

v. to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something

synonym : impose, obtrude, interlope

(1) **intrude** on his personal space, (2) **intrude** on other people's conversations

The loud music from the party next door **intruded** into my peaceful evening at home.

invasive

adj. spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop

synonym: aggressive, rampant, spreading

(1) **invasive** breast cancer, (2) **invasive** species

The **invasive** disease can spread quickly and potentially cause a global pandemic.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym: aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

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.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

synonym: expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

stomach

n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

synonym: belly, abdomen, gut

(1) upset **stomach**, (2) **stomach** virus

I have a **stomach** ache after overeating junk food.

unacceptably

adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

synonym : improperly, unsatisfactorily, inadequately

(1) **unacceptably** high prices, (2) **unacceptably** poor

The restaurant's service was **unacceptably** slow.

vacation

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

synonym : leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

overwhelming

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

synonym : overpowering, astounding, amazing

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

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

disproportionate

adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

synonym : undeserved, unequal, superfluous

(1) cause **disproportionate** damage, (2) **disproportionate** amount

This big gate is **disproportionate** to the small hut.

genetically

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

synonym : hereditary, inherited, family-related

(1) **genetically** inherited traits, (2) **genetically** manipulated plant

The **genetically** modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

ethnicity

n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them

from other groups

synonym : race, culture, heritage

(1) with respect to **ethnicity**, (2) based on their **ethnicity**

The company has a diverse workforce representing different **ethnicity** and backgrounds.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym : turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym : fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

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.

intelligent

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

elaborate

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

synonym : detailed, intricate, complicated

(1) an **elaborate** hat, (2) **elaborate** Ponzi scheme
He proposed an **elaborate** program of public works.

mind-blowing

adj. extremely impressive in a way that affects someone's mind or emotions

synonym : amazing, incredible, shocking

(1) **mind-blowing** discovery, (2) a **mind-blowing** horror story

The **mind-blowing** effects of the psychedelic drug were unlike anything he had ever experienced.

apparent

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

synonym : obvious, clear, conspicuous

(1) heir **apparent**, (2) **apparent** contradiction

This star is **apparent** to the naked eye.

creative

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

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

puddle

n. a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance

synonym : pool, pond, small lake

(1) **puddle** of water, (2) step in a **puddle**

The rain had formed a large **puddle** on the sidewalk.

splash

v. to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force

synonym : scatter, dash, gurgle

(1) **splash** water, (2) **splash** everywhere

The mountain was **splashed** with snow.

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

synonym : muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

rhetoric

n. speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

synonym : oratory, eloquence, persuasion

(1) the **rhetoric** of a debate, (2) high-flown **rhetoric**

He was known for his powerful **rhetoric** and ability to persuade people with his words.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym : absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

idiot

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

synonym : dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**

He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

colleague

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

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

worm

n. a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes

(1) wiggly **worms**, (2) can of **worms**

Worms help dispose of the food waste produced by humans.

insect

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

(1) **insect** antenna, (2) **insect** biology

These **insects** are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

sponge

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

(1) sea **sponge**, (2) metallic **sponge**

The tiny marine **sponge** has existed for more than 500 million years.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

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

residential

adj. relating to, suitable for, or used for living in
synonym: domestic, homely, dwelling

(1) a **residential** district, (2) **residential** property

The city's **residential** area is known for its quiet streets and beautiful homes.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

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.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym: shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the

audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

stink

v. to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical

synonym: reek, smell, odor

(1) **stink** up the place, (2) **stink** badly

The garbage in the alley began to **stink** after a few hot days.

mute

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

synonym: silent, unspoken, voiceless

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

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

rumor

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

synonym: gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

headmaster

n. the chief administrator or principal of a school or educational institution, typically in charge of its daily operation and management

synonym: principal, headmistress, director

(1) **headmaster** position, (2) former **headmaster**

The school's **headmaster** announced the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym: study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

knickers

n. a type of undergarment or shorts worn by women, typically covering the hips and thighs

synonym: breeches, shorts, pants

(1) **knickers** twister, (2) gym **knickers**

Students were required to wear short skirts and white **knickers** as part of the school uniform.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym: nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym: denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

synonym: allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym: thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym: different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

display

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

synonym: show, exhibit, present

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

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

circus

n. a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment

synonym: fair, carnival, spectacle

(1) **circus** performer, (2) **circus** tent

The kids were excited to go to the **circus** and see the clowns and animals perform.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

plaster

n. a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements

synonym: cement, adhesive, mortar

(1) daub the ceiling with **plaster**, (2) cracks in the **plaster**

Patience is the **plaster** of all sores.

cast

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

synonym: throw, project, select

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

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

preserve

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

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage
They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

burial

n. the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave

synonym : interment, funeral, entombment

(1) **burial** at sea, (2) a round **burial** mound

The **burial** ceremony was a somber reminder of his passing.

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym : allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym : inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change
A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

tribe

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

synonym : family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

predominantly

adv. mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group

synonym : mostly, chiefly, largely

(1) **predominantly** rural, (2) **predominantly** Christian
The neighborhood is **predominantly** made up of young families with children.

pet *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**

I have a parrot as a **pet**.

lad *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way

synonym: boy, youth, youngster

(1) working-class **lad**, (2) local **lad**

The older man gave the young **lad** some helpful life advice.

chant *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

exchange *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

beg *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

synonym: plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

straighten

v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

synonym: even up, align, untangle

(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked picture

I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym: unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

braid

n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

synonym: plait, twist, weave

(1) **braid** hair, (2) elastic cord **braid**

She always wore her hair in a single **braid** down her back.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym: unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

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.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

microaggression

n. a subtle or indirect form of discrimination or bias, often unintentional, that reinforces stereotypes or perpetuates prejudice; a seemingly minor comment or action that can harm someone's mental health or emotional well-being

(1) **microaggression** towards minorities,

(2) **microaggression** in the workplace

The expectation that women should do all the housework is a form of **microaggression**.

aggression

n. the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior

synonym : hostility, assertiveness, antagonism

(1) **aggression** by a hostile country, (2) naked **aggression**

The dog's **aggression** made it difficult for its owners to take it for a walk.

argue

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

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

racism

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

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bias

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

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

prejudice

n. a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

synonym: bias, preconception, predisposition

(1) deep-rooted **prejudice**, (2) color **prejudice**

This community is free of social **prejudice**.

hook

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

synonym: buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

ignorance

n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

synonym: unintelligence, inexperience, unawareness

(1) **ignorance** of the law, (2) **ignorance** is bliss

His **ignorance** of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym: benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

educator

n. a person who teaches or educates people

synonym: teacher, instructor, lecturer

(1) business **educator**, (2) duty as an **educator**

She is an **educator** with progressive ideas.

memo

n. a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company

synonym: memorandum, note, reminder

(1) a **memo** pad, (2) **memo** content

I received a **memo** from the CEO outlining the new company policies.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym: instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

awareness

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

synonym: understanding, cognition, knowledge

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

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

representation

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

synonym: delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

mainstream

n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

synonym: prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs

His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

complacent

adj. satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes

synonym: content, satisfied, self-satisfied

(1) **complacent** attitude, (2) **complacent** with past successes

He became **complacent** in his job and stopped trying to improve.

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.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym: break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

Session 2: Spelling

1. g__b an opportunity v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
2. ar__e passionately v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
3. st_____h virus n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
4. em_____ss my project v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
5. a hat h__k n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
6. ci___s tent n. a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
7. a min_____ing horror story adj. extremely impressive in a way that affects someone's mind or emotions
8. id_____fy handwriting v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
9. an__y at the time v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

ANSWERS: 1. grab, 2. argue, 3. stomach, 4. embarrass, 5. hook, 6. circus, 7. mind-blowing, 8. identify, 9. annoy

10. str_____en out a problem *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
11. cause dis_____ate damage *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
12. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
13. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
14. a round bu____l mound *n.* the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave
15. el_____te Ponzi scheme *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
16. un_____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
17. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
18. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
19. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
20. the rh_____ic of a debate *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

ANSWERS: 10. straighten, 11. disproportionate, 12. clap, 13. split, 14. burial, 15. elaborate, 16. unequal, 17. identify, 18. constantly, 19. chant, 20. rhetoric

21. dis_____ate amount *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
22. in_____ve species *adj.* spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop
23. needs of pr_____nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
24. kn_____rs twister *n.* a type of undergarment or shorts worn by women, typically covering the hips and thighs
25. re_____rm the basic points *v.* to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true
26. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
27. in_____e on his personal space *v.* to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something
28. a false ru___r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
29. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
30. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 21. disproportionate, 22. invasive, 23. pregnant, 24. knickers, 25. reaffirm, 26. appreciate, 27. intrude, 28. rumor, 29. underneath, 30. launch

31. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
32. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
33. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
34. una_____bly high prices *adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
35. fu_____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
36. pu_____e of water *n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance
37. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
38. a fu_____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
39. cracks in the pl_____r *n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
40. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

ANSWERS: 31. appreciate, 32. fascinate, 33. exchange, 34. unacceptably, 35. furious, 36. puddle, 37. deserve, 38. furious, 39. plaster, 40. representation

41. in_____e on other people's conversations
v. to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something
42. ig_____ce of the law
n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
43. on an equal ba__s
n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
44. the ex_____ed food sources
adj. extremely tired
45. ex____d the warranty
v. to broaden in scope, range, or area
46. research on anti-ra___m
n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
47. m_d wall
n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
48. play with my si_____gs
n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
49. ed_____e public
v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
50. un_____ed attention
adj. not wanted or desired
51. str_____en a crooked picture
v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

ANSWERS: 41. intrude, 42. ignorance, 43. basis, 44. exhausted, 45. extend, 46. racism, 47. mud, 48. sibling, 49. educate, 50. unwanted, 51. straighten

52. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
53. local l_d *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
54. pre_____tly Christian *adv.* mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group
55. in_____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
56. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
57. ex___d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
58. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
59. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
60. fo___r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
61. the fas_____on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
62. daub the ceiling with pl_____r *n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements

ANSWERS: 52. survive, 53. lad, 54. predominantly, 55. intrigue, 56. cast, 57. extend, 58. pregnant, 59. grab, 60. foster, 61. fascination, 62. plaster

63. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
64. re_____rm a relationship *v.* to state something again strongly to emphasize that it is still true
65. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
66. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
67. pre_____tly rural *adv.* mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group
68. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
69. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
70. a res_____al district *adj.* relating to, suitable for, or used for living in
71. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
72. sp____h water *v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
73. high-flown rh_____ic *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
74. hu_____te the heckler in the audience *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

ANSWERS: 63. uncomfortable, 64. reaffirm, 65. underneath, 66. conclude, 67. predominantly, 68. crazy, 69. feat, 70. residential, 71. confer, 72. splash, 73. rhetoric, 74. humiliate

75. pr____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
76. business ed____or *n.* a person who teaches or educates people
77. co____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
78. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
79. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
80. di____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
81. naked agg____on *n.* the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior
82. ex____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
83. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 75. preserve, 76. educator, 77. convinced, 78. lift, 79. beg, 80. distinct, 81. aggression, 82. examine, 83. develop

84. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
85. an el_____te hat *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
86. ap_____nt contradiction *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
87. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
88. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
89. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
90. a backhanded com_____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
91. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
92. with respect to et_____ty *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
93. duty as an ed_____or *n.* a person who teaches or educates people
94. gen_____ly manipulated plant *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

ANSWERS: 84. confer, 85. elaborate, 86. apparent, 87. weird, 88. cast, 89. embarrass, 90. compliment, 91. absolutely, 92. ethnicity, 93. educator, 94. genetically

95. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
96. wiggly w__ms *n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
97. former hea_____er *n.* the chief administrator or principal of a school or educational institution, typically in charge of its daily operation and management
98. mai_____am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
99. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
100. join the mai_____am *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
101. gen_____ly inherited traits *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
102. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
103. a ge_____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
104. res_____al property *adj.* relating to, suitable for, or used for living in

ANSWERS: 95. examine, 96. worm, 97. headmaster, 98. mainstream, 99. survive, 100. mainstream, 101. genetically, 102. invite, 103. genuine, 104. residential

105. m_d volcano	<i>n.</i> a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
106. p__r group	<i>n.</i> a person who has the same age, status, or ability
107. pe___t application	<i>v.</i> to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
108. ch__t melodies	<i>n.</i> a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
109. id__t driver	<i>n.</i> a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
110. raise public aw_____ss	<i>n.</i> the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
111. ma_____e stars	<i>adj.</i> enormous amount; very heavy and solid
112. fo___r two kids	<i>v.</i> to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
113. face rel_____ss pressure	<i>adj.</i> persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
114. collaborate with co_____ues	<i>n.</i> one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
115. a letter of inv_____on	<i>n.</i> a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

ANSWERS: 105. mud, 106. peer, 107. permit, 108. chant, 109. idiot, 110. awareness, 111. massive, 112. foster, 113. relentless, 114. colleague, 115. invitation

116. rapt in fas_____on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
117. agg_____on by a hostile country *n.* the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior
118. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
119. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
120. ru__r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
121. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
122. ig_____ce is bliss *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
123. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
124. rel_____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
125. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

ANSWERS: 116. fascination, 117. aggression, 118. bias, 119. deserve, 120. rumor, 121. exchange, 122. ignorance, 123. grateful, 124. relentless, 125. experiment

126. sea sp___e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
127. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
128. in____ve breast cancer *adj.* spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop
129. accept a com_____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
130. elastic cord br__d *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
131. summer va____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
132. 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
133. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 126. sponge, 127. weird, 128. invasive, 129. compliment, 130. braid, 131. vacation, 132. unconscious, 133. survey

134. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
135. a p_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
136. the curved shape of a h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
137. br__d hair *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
138. di_____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
139. com_____nt with past successes *adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
140. in____t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
141. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
142. mic_____ion towards minorities *n.* a subtle or indirect form of discrimination or bias, often unintentional, that reinforces stereotypes or perpetuates prejudice; a seemingly minor comment or action that can harm someone's mental health or emotional well-being
143. inv_____on of foreign investment *n.* a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

ANSWERS: 134. constantly, 135. pet, 136. hook, 137. braid, 138. distinct, 139. complacent, 140. insect, 141. massive, 142. microaggression, 143. invitation

144. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
145. bu___l at sea *n.* the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave
146. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
147. 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
148. color pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
149. hu_____te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
150. m__e button *adj.* silent; not speaking or unable to speak; not expressed or articulated
151. based on their et_____ty *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
152. work pe___t *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
153. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 144. feat, 145. burial, 146. refuse, 147. unconscious, 148. prejudice, 149. humiliate, 150. mute, 151. ethnicity, 152. permit, 153. privilege

154. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
155. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
156. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
157. ex_____ed parents *adj.* extremely tired
158. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
159. un_____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
160. deep-rooted pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
161. un_____ed guests *adj.* not wanted or desired
162. gym kn_____rs *n.* a type of undergarment or shorts worn by women, typically covering the hips and thighs
163. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
164. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
165. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

ANSWERS: 154. overwhelming, 155. flash, 156. split, 157. exhausted, 158. jean, 159. unequal, 160. prejudice, 161. unwanted, 162. knickers, 163. lift, 164. creative, 165. annoy

175. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
176. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
177. heir ap_____nt *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
178. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
179. show ge_____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
180. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
181. mountain tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
182. can of w__ms *n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
183. hea_____er position *n.* the chief administrator or principal of a school or educational institution, typically in charge of its daily operation and management

ANSWERS: 175. bias, 176. launch, 177. apparent, 178. creative, 179. genuine, 180. intelligent, 181. tribe, 182. worm, 183. headmaster

184. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
185. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
186. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
187. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
188. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
189. st__k up the place *v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
190. m__o content *n.* a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company
191. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
192. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
193. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

ANSWERS: 184. amazing, 185. uncomfortable, 186. motivation, 187. overwhelming, 188. survey, 189. stink, 190. memo, 191. chase, 192. flash, 193. ridiculous

194. di____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
195. a short va____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
196. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
197. aboriginal tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
198. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
199. di____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
200. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
201. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
202. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

ANSWERS: 194. display, 195. vacation, 196. amazing, 197. tribe, 198. invite, 199. display, 200. argue, 201. beg, 202. intelligent

203. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
204. sp___h everywhere *v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
205. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
206. working-class l_d *n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
207. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
208. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
209. step in a pu___e *n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance
210. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
211. ci___s performer *n.* a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
212. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
213. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

ANSWERS: 203. fascinate, 204. splash, 205. convinced, 206. lad, 207. pet, 208. educate, 209. puddle, 210. intrigue, 211. circus, 212. absolutely, 213. experiment

214. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
215. com_____nt attitude *adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
216. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
217. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
218. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
219. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
220. in___t antenna *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
221. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
222. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
223. upset st_____h *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

ANSWERS: 214. peer, 215. complacent, 216. jean, 217. colleague, 218. refuse, 219. develop, 220. insect, 221. clap, 222. basis, 223. stomach

224. metallic sp___e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
225. systemic ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
226. a m__o pad *n.* a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company
227. min_____ing discovery *adj.* extremely impressive in a way that affects someone's mind or emotions
228. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
229. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
230. what an id__t *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
231. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
232. a gr_____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
233. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 224. sponge, 225. racism, 226. memo, 227. mind-blowing, 228. crazy, 229. conclude, 230. idiot, 231. sibling, 232. grateful, 233. privilege

234. pr____ve a country's heritage

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

ANSWERS: 234. preserve

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

2. She always wore her hair in a single _____ down her back.
n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

3. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

4. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

5. The neighborhood is _____ made up of young families with children.
adv. mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group

6. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.
v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

7. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 1. embarrass, 2. braid, 3. peer, 4. weird, 5. predominantly, 6. cast, 7. feat

8. We _____ a cease-fire.

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

9. His abusive words made me _____.

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

10. I need to _____ my hair before I go to the party.

v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

11. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

12. My initial reaction was to _____.

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

13. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

14. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

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

15. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

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

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

ANSWERS: 8. concluded, 9. uncomfortable, 10. straighten, 11. jeans, 12. refuse, 13. annoy, 14. creative, 15. convinced, 16. mute

17. The magic tricks _____ the children.

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

18. I received a _____ from the CEO outlining the new company policies.

n. a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company

19. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

20. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

21. I will be very happy to accept your _____.

n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

22. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

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

23. The tiny marine _____ has existed for more than 500 million years.

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

24. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 17. fascinated, 18. memo, 19. motivation, 20. lifted, 21. invitation, 22. display, 23. sponge, 24. confer

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

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

26. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

27. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

28. The _____ ceremony was a somber reminder of his passing.

n. the act or ceremony of placing a dead body in a grave

29. He acted like an _____ and spilled his drink all over the floor.

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

30. Students were required to wear short skirts and white _____ as part of the school uniform.

n. a type of undergarment or shorts worn by women, typically covering the hips and thighs

31. 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

32. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 25. overwhelming, 26. amazing, 27. chased, 28. burial, 29. idiot, 30. knickers, 31. unconscious, 32. exchange

33. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

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

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

35. The rain had formed a large _____ on the sidewalk.

n. a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance

36. She vacated the position when she got _____.

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

37. Patience is the _____ of all sores.

n. a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements

38. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

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

39. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

40. The expectation that women should do all the housework is a form of _____.

n. a subtle or indirect form of discrimination or bias, often unintentional, that reinforces stereotypes or perpetuates prejudice; a seemingly minor comment or action that can harm someone's mental health or emotional well-being

ANSWERS: 33. siblings, 34. develop, 35. puddle, 36. pregnant, 37. plaster, 38. basis, 39. constantly, 40. microaggression

41. I looked at the painting in _____.

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

42. He proposed an _____ program of public works.

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

43. I have a _____ ache after overeating junk food.

n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

44. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

45. We _____ along with the singer's song.

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

46. The _____ runner fell to the ground and gasped.

adj. extremely tired

47. The _____ effects of the psychedelic drug were unlike anything he had ever experienced.

adj. extremely impressive in a way that affects someone's mind or emotions

48. The school's _____ announced the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather.

n. the chief administrator or principal of a school or educational institution, typically in charge of its daily operation and management

ANSWERS: 41. fascination, 42. elaborate, 43. stomach, 44. survive, 45. clapped, 46. exhausted, 47. mind-blowing, 48. headmaster

49. She was _____ for the help he provided.

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

50. She is an _____ with progressive ideas.

n. a person who teaches or educates people

51. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

52. The city's _____ area is known for its quiet streets and beautiful homes.

adj. relating to, suitable for, or used for living in

53. There was a baseless _____ that the company was going bankrupt.

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

54. He was known for his powerful _____ and ability to persuade people with his words.

n. speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

55. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

56. _____ help dispose of the food waste produced by humans.

n. a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes

ANSWERS: 49. grateful, 50. educator, 51. grab, 52. residential, 53. rumor, 54. rhetoric, 55. chant, 56. Worms

57. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

58. I have a parrot as a _____.

n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

59. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

60. The company has a diverse workforce representing different _____ and backgrounds.

n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

61. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

62. The dog's _____ made it difficult for its owners to take it for a walk.

n. the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior

63. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

64. Do you have a plan for a long _____

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

ANSWERS: 57. relentless, 58. pet, 59. ridiculous, 60. ethnicity, 61. massive, 62. aggression, 63. permit, 64. vacation?

65. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.
- v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
66. This big gate is _____ to the small hut.
- adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
67. The mountain was _____ with snow.
- v. to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
68. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
- v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
69. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
- v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
70. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.
- adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type
71. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
- v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
72. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 65. fostering, 66. disproportionate, 67. splashed, 68. deserved, 69. begged, 70. distinct, 71. invite, 72. argue

73. 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
74. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
adj. extremely angry; full of rage
75. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.
v. to broaden in scope, range, or area
76. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.
n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
77. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.
v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
78. The boss _____ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.
v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
79. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.
n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
80. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 73. reaffirmed, 74. furious, 75. extend, 76. racism, 77. educate, 78. humiliated, 79. flash, 80. survey

81. Is this painting _____ or forged?

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

82. The _____ modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

83. 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

84. We would _____ an early reply.

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

85. This community is free of social _____.

n. a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

86. The older man gave the young ____ some helpful life advice.

n. a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way

87. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

88. The _____ had distinctly defined gender roles.

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

ANSWERS: 81. genuine, 82. genetically, 83. identify, 84. appreciate, 85. prejudice, 86. lad, 87. absolutely, 88. tribe

89. His thinking is _____ in the country's culture.
- n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
90. The loud music from the party next door _____ into my peaceful evening at home.
- v.* to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something
91. Her _____ made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.
- n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
92. These _____ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.
- n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
93. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
- v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
94. The garbage in the alley began to _____ after a few hot days.
- v.* to emit a strong, unpleasant odor; to have a strong offensive smell; to be corrupt or unethical
95. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.
- n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
96. The kids were excited to go to the _____ and see the clowns and animals perform.
- n.* a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment

ANSWERS: 89. mainstream, 90. intruded, 91. compliment, 92. insects, 93. split, 94. stink, 95. awareness, 96. circus

97. She researched gender _____ in politics.

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

98. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

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

99. The ____ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

100. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

101. Please hang your towel on a _____.

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

102. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

103. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

104. His _____ showed highly positive results.

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

ANSWERS: 97. bias, 98. preserve, 99. mud, 100. crazy, 101. hook, 102. privilege, 103. Intelligent, 104. experiments

105. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.

- v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

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

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

107. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly _____.

- adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

108. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.

- v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

109. The _____ disease can spread quickly and potentially cause a global pandemic.

- adj.* spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop

110. The penny fell _____ the piano.

- adv.* under or below something else

111. His _____ of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

- n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

112. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

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

ANSWERS: 105. intrigues, 106. launch, 107. unequal, 108. examine, 109. invasive, 110. underneath, 111. ignorance, 112. colleague

113. The restaurant's service was _____ slow.

adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

114. He became _____ in his job and stopped trying to improve.

adj. satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes

115. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

116. This star is _____ to the naked eye.

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

117. He threw away the _____ items in his closet.

adj. not wanted or desired

ANSWERS: 113. unacceptably, 114. complacent, 115. representation, 116. apparent, 117. unwanted