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Session 1: Word List

landmark

n. a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point

synonym: marker, reference point, guidepost

(1) a **landmark** discovery, (2) historical **landmark**

The Empire State Building is a **landmark** in New York City.

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym: act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of

an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym : instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym: sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;
(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

synonymous

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

synonym: equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non- **synonymous** mutation

The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

advancement

n. the development, improvement, or progress of something

synonym: progression, breakthrough, improvement

(1) **advancement** of knowledge, (2) career **advancement**
Competition between countries resulted in fast technological **advancement**.

needle

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

synonym: thorn, spike, pin

(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**

The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

compass

n. a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability

synonym: guideline, borderline, ambit

(1) read a **compass**, (2) sailing without a **compass**

The results were beyond our **compass** of imagination.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

disorient

v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

synonym: confuse, flummox, perplex

(1) **disorient** his audience, (2) **disorient** and wrong-foot viewers

Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea

might **disorient** dolphins and whales.

lag

v. to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.

synonym: delay, slow down, fall behind

(1) **lag** a long way behind the progress, (2) **lag** behind its competition

Our interest began to **lag** sharply.

trail

n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

synonym: footpath, track, course

(1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**

The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym: educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

advance

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

synonym: progress, boost, come along

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

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

nation

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

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym : approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

slight

adj. very small in degree or amount

synonym : feeble, nuanced, subtle

(1) feel a **slight** concern, (2) **slight** increase

We made **slight** modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

struggle

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

synonym : toil, strive, compete

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

job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

intersection

n. a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other

synonym: crossroad, junction, hub

(1) busy **intersection**, (2) the **intersection** of coordinate axes

Take a right turn at the next **intersection**.

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.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

elite

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

synonym: privileged, favored, elect

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

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

grasp

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

synonym: grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

affluent

adj. rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

synonym: wealthy, rich, prosperous

(1) **affluent** society, (2) live in **affluent** circumstances

She lived in an **affluent** neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

racial

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

synonym: ethnic, tribal, ethnical

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

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

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

synonym: unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

intentional

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent

synonym : deliberate, intended, preplanned

(1) **intentional** destruction of evidence, (2) an **intentional** walk

The law distinguishes between accidental and **intentional** killing.

feminist

adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women;
(noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

synonym : egalitarian

(1) **feminist** movement, (2) **feminist** perspective

The **feminist** ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

conspiracy

n. a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

synonym : plot, collaboration, scheme

(1) political **conspiracy**, (2) **conspiracy** theory

There was a **conspiracy** of silence about illegal police interrogation.

eventually

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

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

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

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

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

synonym : surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

rev

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

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

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

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

structural

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

synonym : architectural, basic, anatomical

(1) **structural** analyses, (2) **structural** reorganization

The earthquake resulted in significant **structural** destruction.

disadvantage

n. a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

synonym : detriment, drawback, (verb) disfavor

(1) the **disadvantage** of a plan, (2) **disadvantage** small businesses

A lack of education can be a significant **disadvantage** in today's job market.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

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.

impulse

n. a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

synonym : stimulation, provocation, urge

(1) a combative **impulse**, (2) profound religious **impulses**

Nerve **impulses** cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

prefrontal

adj. in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain

(1) **prefrontal** bone, (2) **prefrontal** region

Research shows that damage to the **prefrontal** cortex leads to increased aggression.

cortex

n. the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain

(1) **cortex** cells, (2) visual **cortex** neuron

The cerebral **cortex** consists of six layers.

adolescent

n. a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

synonym : teen, preadult, youth

(1) **adolescent** girl, (2) pre- **adolescent** children

Timely education about birth control might help reduce **adolescent** pregnancies.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

etcetera

n. used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on

synonym : and so on, and the like, and others

(1) tools, hardware, **etcetera**, (2) meetings, appointments, and **etcetera**

The museum contains a variety of artifacts, from ancient pottery to medieval armor, **etcetera**.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

synonym : perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive**

psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

chemistry

n. the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions

(1) professor of **chemistry**, (2) the **chemistry** of soil

He is familiar with **chemistry** and biology.

assignment

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

synonym: task, duty, designation

(1) finish the **assignment**, (2) **assignment** of interest

My **assignment** was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

entice

v. to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting

synonym: lure, tempt, attract

(1) **entice** foreign investment, (2) **entice** shoppers

The salesperson tried to **entice** the customer into buying a new car.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym: push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym: essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym: score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

backpack

n. a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies

synonym: knapsack, rucksack, pack

(1) **backpacker's** hostel, (2) **backpacking** trip

I packed my **backpack** with all the necessary camping gear for our trip.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

bind

v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

synonym : tie, stick to, adhere

(1) **bind** the man's hands, (2) **bind** old letters into a bundle

The company's rules **bind** the employee's working hours.

resemble

v. to look like or be similar to someone or something

synonym : look like, be similar to

(1) **resemble** each other, (2) **resemble** her mother

The brothers **resemble** each other in the hobby.

intelligence

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

synonym : brains, brightness, cleverness

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

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

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

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

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

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

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.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

vivid

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

synonym : intense, powerful, dazzling

(1) **vivid** colors, (2) still **vivid** in my memory

She made a **vivid** impression.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

primary

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

synonym : chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

interactive

adj. acting reciprocally; mutually responsive

synonym : reciprocal, responsive, mutual

(1) **interactive** experience, (2) an **interactive** device

The new video game has an **interactive** storyline that allows players to make choices that affect the game's outcome.

dispel

v. to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea

synonym : chase away, allay, disperse

(1) **dispel** a painful feeling, (2) **dispel** baseless rumors

This program aims to **dispel** certain misconceptions about the disease.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

stem

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

synonym : branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick

A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

peg

n. a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object

synonym : pin, dowel, spike

(1) **peg** in the ground, (2) **peg** an exchange rate

The sheep were tagged with numbered plastic **pegs** in their ears.

diagnose

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

synonym : identify, analyze, interpret

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

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

disability

n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

synonym : impairment, disadvantage, restriction

(1) a **disability** pension, (2) a learning **disability**

Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing **disability**.

medic

n. a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency

synonym : paramedic, medical professional

(1) **medic** unit, (2) military **medic**

The army **medic** arrived on the scene to provide medical assistance.

medication

n. a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

synonym : cure, drug, medicine

(1) antibiotic **medication**, (2) **medication** by mouth

The pharmacist not only prescribes the **medication** but also guides its proper use.

disable

v. to cause someone or something to become unable to function properly or as intended; to incapacitate or immobilize

synonym : cripple, impair, incapacitate

(1) **disable** a setting, (2) **disable** a device

I had to **disable** the pop-up blocker in my browser to access the website.

disabled

adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

synonym: handicapped, impaired, incapacitated

(1) a **disabled** veteran, (2) a learning- **disabled** child

She was **disabled** in a car accident.

recruit

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

synonym: raise, enroll, enlist

(1) **recruit** a good worker, (2) **recruit** a new hire

The colonial government **recruited** militia support when civil war broke out.

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.

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.

scholarship

n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other

achievements

synonym : grant, award, stipend

(1) a **scholarship** association, (2) college **scholarship**

She received a full **scholarship** to study abroad.

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym : occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym : hardship, complication, problem

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

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

inadvertently

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

synonym : unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted

I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym : condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

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.

malfunction

v. to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate

synonym: malfunction, break down, fail

(1) **malfunction** alarm, (2) **malfunction** and start moving unpredictably

The car's engine **malfunctioned** on the highway, so we had to call for a tow truck.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym: relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

zero-sum

adj. referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero

synonym: equivalent, balanced, even-handed

(1) **zero-sum** economics, (2) **zero-sum** mentality

In some sports, such as tennis, the competition is a **zero-sum** game, with only one player able to win each match.

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or

relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym : harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

synonym : task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

synonym : self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack

In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.

loneliness

n. a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people

synonym : isolation, alienation, desolation

(1) a strong sense of **loneliness**, (2) remedy **loneliness**

I realize the **loneliness** of a single life.

belong

- v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group
All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

employ

- v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym : hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method
When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

afford

- v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

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.

acknowledge

- v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym : accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help
He never **acknowledged** his fault.

irresponsible

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
synonym: careless, reckless, thoughtless

(1) **irresponsible** actions, (2) **irresponsible** behavior

It was **irresponsible** of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym: use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

ballot

n. a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election

synonym: vote, poll, election

(1) the final **ballot**, (2) **ballot** booth

The **ballot** for the upcoming election will be sent out to registered voters next week.

vacuum

n. a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

synonym: void, emptiness, gap

(1) **vacuum** cleaner, (2) **vacuum** packing

Please use the **vacuum** to clean up the mess on the floor.

neglect

v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

synonym: delinquency, carelessness, decay

(1) **neglect** to call, (2) **neglect** ethical issues

He **neglected** his health to make the project a success.

reef

n. a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface

(1) barrier **reef**, (2) coral **reefs**

The vessel ran aground on a **reef**.

aspect

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

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

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

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

feminism

n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

synonym: women's rights, gender equality

(1) radical **feminism**, (2) liberal **feminism**

She is a strong advocate for **feminism** and works tirelessly for women's rights.

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.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. s__m from a belief *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
2. barrier r__f *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
3. 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
4. ro____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
5. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
6. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
7. ze____um mentality *adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero
8. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

ANSWERS: 1. stem, 2. reef, 3. lift, 4. roughly, 5. psychology, 6. damage, 7. zero-sum, 8. essentially

9. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
10. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
11. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
12. b__d the man's hands *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
13. fe____st movement *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
14. introduce leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
15. ra___l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
16. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
17. as____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

ANSWERS: 9. expand, 10. obvious, 11. historic, 12. bind, 13. feminist, 14. legislation, 15. racial, 16. brain, 17. associate

18. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
19. a la_____rk discovery *n.* a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point
20. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
21. co___x cells *n.* the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain
22. irr_____ble actions *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
23. ass_____nt of interest *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
24. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
25. di___l baseless rumors *v.* to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
26. cross-co___n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
27. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
28. int_____al destruction of evidence *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent

ANSWERS: 18. intelligence, 19. landmark, 20. ignore, 21. cortex, 22. irresponsible, 23. assignment, 24. background, 25. dispel, 26. cousin, 27. label, 28. intentional

29. 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
30. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
31. remedy lon_____ss *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
32. college sch_____ip *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
33. tools, hardware, et_____ra *n.* used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on
34. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
35. the ch_____ry of soil *n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
36. me__c unit *n.* a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency
37. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

ANSWERS: 29. recognize, 30. nation, 31. loneliness, 32. scholarship, 33. etcetera, 34. divide, 35. chemistry, 36. medic, 37. inequality

38. en___e shoppers *v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
39. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
40. a learning-di_____ed child *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
41. a combative im_____e *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
42. gross in_____ce *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
43. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
44. fe_____st perspective *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
45. sailing without a co_____s *n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability

ANSWERS: 38. entice, 39. difficulty, 40. disabled, 41. impulse, 42. injustice, 43. rev, 44. feminist, 45. compass

46. dif_____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
47. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
48. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
49. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
50. historical la_____rk *n.* a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point
51. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
52. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
53. permanent br___n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
54. bl___e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
55. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
56. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 46. difficulty, 47. degree, 48. crucial, 49. crucial, 50. landmark, 51. expand, 52. exploit, 53. brain, 54. blame, 55. inequality, 56. specific

57. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
58. non-syn_____us mutation *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
59. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
60. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
61. 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
62. the s__m of a matchstick *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
63. p_g in the ground *n.* a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object
64. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

ANSWERS: 57. psychology, 58. synonymous, 59. suddenly, 60. advantage, 61. develop, 62. stem, 63. peg, 64. blame

65. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
66. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
67. at___d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
68. l_g a long way behind the progress *v.* to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.
69. dis_____age small businesses *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
70. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
71. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
72. di_____nt and wrong-foot viewers *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
73. ina_____tly deleted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
74. career adv_____nt *n.* the development, improvement, or progress of something
75. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
76. di_____nt his audience *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

ANSWERS: 65. intelligence, 66. economical, 67. attend, 68. lag, 69. disadvantage, 70. suppose, 71. academic, 72. disorient, 73. inadvertently, 74. advancement, 75. award, 76. disorient

77. ba____cker's hostel *n.* a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies
78. ov____ke a rival *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
79. irr_____ble behavior *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
80. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
81. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
82. be____g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
83. the dis_____age of a plan *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
84. liberal fe____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

ANSWERS: 77. backpack, 78. overtake, 79. irresponsible, 80. judge, 81. mathematics, 82. belong, 83. disadvantage, 84. feminism

85. mal_____on alarm
v. to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate
86. st__k truth
adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
87. the ba_____e of power
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
88. b__d old letters into a bundle
v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
89. u__e a total ban
v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
90. sl____t increase
adj. very small in degree or amount
91. ad_____e the technology
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
92. finish the ass_____nt
n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
93. va____m cleaner
n. a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
94. co_____al combination of funds
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
95. follow the tr__l
n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

ANSWERS: 85. malfunction, 86. stark, 87. balance, 88. bind, 89. urge, 90. slight, 91. advance, 92. assignment, 93. vacuum, 94. communal, 95. trail

96. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
97. med_____on by mouth *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
98. pre_____al bone *adj.* in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain
99. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
100. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
101. di_____e a setting *v.* to cause someone or something to become unable to function properly or as intended; to incapacitate or immobilize
102. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
103. an int_____ve device *adj.* acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
104. re_____le her mother *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
105. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
106. ge____r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 96. award, 97. medication, 98. prefrontal, 99. economy, 100. opportune, 101. disable, 102. eventually, 103. interactive, 104. resemble, 105. afford, 106.

gender

107. p_g an exchange rate
108. an int_____al walk
109. mo_____nt of troops
110. str_____al reorganization
111. pr_____y school
112. af____d to buy a new car
113. ba____t booth
114. ac_____ic probation
115. ack_____ge the deed
- n.* a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object
- adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
- 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
- adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
- adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
- n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
- adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
- v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

ANSWERS: 107. peg, 108. intentional, 109. movement, 110. structural, 111. primary, 112. afford, 113. ballot, 114. academic, 115. acknowledge

116. antibiotic med_____on *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
117. ze_____um economics *adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero
118. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
119. mal_____on and start moving unpredictably *v.* to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate
120. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
121. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
122. 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
123. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

ANSWERS: 116. medication, 117. zero-sum, 118. belong, 119. malfunction, 120. refer, 121. historic, 122. develop, 123. profession

124. a learning dis_____ty *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
125. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
126. 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
127. a di_____ed veteran *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
128. a strong sense of lon_____ss *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
129. af_____nt society *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
130. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
131. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
132. di_____e a device *v.* to cause someone or something to become unable to function properly or as intended; to incapacitate or immobilize

ANSWERS: 124. disability, 125. advantage, 126. recognize, 127. disabled, 128. loneliness, 129. affluent, 130. label, 131. balance, 132. disable

133. a warm tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
134. feel a sl___t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount
135. fl____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
136. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
137. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
138. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
139. ra___l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
140. com_____on appointed by the government *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
141. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
142. 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

ANSWERS: 133. trail, 134. slight, 135. flourish, 136. eventually, 137. conversation, 138. gap, 139. racial, 140. commission, 141. grasp, 142. lift

154. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
155. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
156. di___l a painful feeling *v.* to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
157. va___m packing *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
158. adv_____nt of knowledge *n.* the development, improvement, or progress of something
159. pr_____y education *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
160. co___n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
161. the com_____on of murder *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
162. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
163. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
164. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
165. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 154. cognitive, 155. ignore, 156. dispel, 157. vacuum, 158. advancement, 159. primary, 160. cousin, 161. commission, 162. probable, 163. invest, 164. exciting, 165. struggle

166. meetings, appointments, and
et____ra
167. di____se the problem
168. information ba____r
169. ne____t ethical issues
170. cost ba____r
171. pre-ado____nt children
172. anti-terrorist leg____on
173. a sch____ip association
174. mat____cs competition
- n.* used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on
- v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
- n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
- v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
- n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
- n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
- n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
- n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 166. etcetera, 167. diagnose, 168. barrier, 169. neglect, 170. barrier, 171. adolescent, 172. legislation, 173. scholarship, 174. mathematics

175. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
176. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
177. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
178. radical fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
179. read a co_____s *n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability
180. str_____al analyses *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
181. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
182. st__k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
183. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
184. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 175. aspect, 176. struggle, 177. rev, 178. feminism, 179. compass, 180. structural, 181. probable, 182. stark, 183. aspect, 184. unfortunately

185. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
186. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
187. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
188. re_____le each other *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
189. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
190. em_____y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
191. re_____t a good worker *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
192. gr__p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
193. improve co_____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
194. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 185. educational, 186. advance, 187. background, 188. resemble, 189. acknowledge, 190. employ, 191. recruit, 192. grasp, 193. cognitive, 194. specific

195. int_____ve experience *adj.* acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
196. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
197. pre_____al region *adj.* in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain
198. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
199. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
200. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
201. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
202. the final ba____t *n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
203. 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
204. em____y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
205. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
206. commit su_____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally

ANSWERS: 195. interactive, 196. gap, 197. prefrontal, 198. roughly, 199. associate, 200. grade, 201. refer, 202. ballot, 203. sensitive, 204. employ, 205. exciting, 206. suicide

207. visual co___x neuron *n.* the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain
208. in_____ce system *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
209. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
210. still vi__d in my memory *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
211. live in af_____nt circumstances *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
212. foreign po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
213. 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
214. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
215. en___e foreign investment *v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
216. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
217. ado_____nt girl *n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

ANSWERS: 207. cortex, 208. injustice, 209. obvious, 210. vivid, 211. affluent, 212. policy, 213. movement, 214. suddenly, 215. entice, 216. invest, 217. adolescent

218. con_____cy theory *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
219. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
220. ba_____cking trip *n.* a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies
221. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
222. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
223. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
224. l_g behind its competition *v.* to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.
225. earn el__e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
226. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
227. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

ANSWERS: 218. conspiracy, 219. responsible, 220. backpack, 221. incredibly, 222. opportune, 223. vulnerable, 224. lag, 225. elite, 226. gender, 227. grade

228. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
229. sewing ne___e *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
230. a dis_____ty pension *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
231. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
232. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
233. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
234. syn_____us terms *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
235. ne_____t to call *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
236. ne___e prick *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

ANSWERS: 228. economy, 229. needle, 230. disability, 231. judge, 232. divide, 233. economical, 234. synonymous, 235. neglect, 236. needle

237. coral r__fs *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
238. the int_____ion of coordinate axes *n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
239. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
240. 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
241. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
242. 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
243. re_____t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
244. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
245. profound religious im_____es *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
246. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 237. reef, 238. intersection, 239. suppose, 240. launch, 241. degree, 242. sensitive, 243. recruit, 244. vulnerable, 245. impulse, 246. conversation

247. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
248. ina_____tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
249. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
250. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
251. di_____se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
252. da_____e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
253. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
254. ov_____ke a milestone *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
255. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 247. educational, 248. inadvertently, 249. essentially, 250. communal, 251. diagnose, 252. damage, 253. exploit, 254. overtake, 255. flourish

256. vi__d colors *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
257. political con_____cy *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
258. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
259. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
260. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 256. vivid, 257. conspiracy, 258. profession, 259. incredibly, 260. policy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
2. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
3. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
4. The law distinguishes between accidental and _____ killing.
adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent
5. She lived in an _____ neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.
adj. rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
6. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
7. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.
n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. economy, 2. label, 3. damage, 4. intentional, 5. affluent, 6. opportune, 7. gap

8. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
9. The vessel ran aground on a _____.
- n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
10. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.
- v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
11. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
- v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
12. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
- v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
13. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.
- adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
14. Nerve _____ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.
- n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
15. We must _____ to this matter.
- v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
16. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.
- n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

ANSWERS: 8. ignored, 9. reef, 10. diagnose, 11. employ, 12. flourished, 13. elites, 14. impulses, 15. attend, 16. cousins

17. The museum contains a variety of artifacts, from ancient pottery to medieval armor, _____.
- n.* used to indicate that some other unspecified items or things could be included besides those already mentioned; and so on
18. The acupuncturist inserted _____ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.
- n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
19. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
- adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
20. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
- v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
21. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
22. The _____ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.
- adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
23. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
- v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
24. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.
- adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

ANSWERS: 17. etcetera, 18. needles, 19. roughly, 20. divide, 21. vulnerable, 22. primary, 23. exploit, 24. racial

25. Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing _____.
- n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
26. She gets a _____ on each contract.
- n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
27. The brothers _____ each other in the hobby.
- v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
28. I _____ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.
- adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
29. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
30. He never _____ his fault.
- v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
31. She received a full _____ to study abroad.
- n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
32. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 25. disability, 26. commission, 27. resemble, 28. inadvertently, 29. advantages, 30. acknowledged, 31. scholarship, 32. exciting

33. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
34. The salesperson tried to _____ the customer into buying a new car.
- v.* to attract or lure someone with something desirable or tempting
35. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
- adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
36. The race car driver knew he had to _____ the other drivers to win the race.
- v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
37. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
38. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
- v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
39. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
40. In some sports, such as tennis, the competition is a _____ game, with only one player able to win each match.
- adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero

ANSWERS: 33. background, 34. entice, 35. economical, 36. overtake, 37. brain, 38. associate, 39. historic, 40. zero-sum

41. A rose has thorns on its _____.

- n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

42. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

43. The sheep were tagged with numbered plastic _____ in their ears.

- n.* a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object

44. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.

- n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

45. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

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

46. She was _____ in a car accident.

- adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

47. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

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

ANSWERS: 41. stem, 42. probable, 43. pegs, 44. barrier, 45. intelligence, 46. disabled, 47. nation

48. Timely education about birth control might help reduce _____ pregnancies.
- n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
49. 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
50. The company's rules _____ the employee's working hours.
- v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
51. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
52. Research shows that damage to the _____ cortex leads to increased aggression.
- adj.* in or about the foremost part of the frontal lobe of the brain
53. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.
- n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
54. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.
- n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
55. Competition between countries resulted in fast technological _____.
- n.* the development, improvement, or progress of something

ANSWERS: 48. adolescent, 49. lifted, 50. bind, 51. inequality, 52. prefrontal, 53. injustice, 54. assignment, 55. advancement

56. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.
- n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
57. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
58. She had a master's degree in _____.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
59. He has a flair for _____.
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
60. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
61. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
62. The _____ ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.
- adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

ANSWERS: 56. suicide, 57. policy, 58. psychology, 59. mathematics, 60. conversation, 61. gender, 62. feminist

63. The new video game has an _____ storyline that allows players to make choices that affect the game's outcome.

adj. acting reciprocally; mutually responsive

64. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

65. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

66. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

67. The results were beyond our _____ of imagination.

n. a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability

68. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

69. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.

adj. extremely vital or necessary

70. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 63. interactive, 64. Communal, 65. specific, 66. structural, 67. compass, 68. refer, 69. crucial, 70. belong

71. Please use the _____ to clean up the mess on the floor.
- n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
72. A lack of education can be a significant _____ in today's job market.
- n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
73. _____ a society is an organism.
- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
74. Take a right turn at the next _____.
- n.* a point where two or more roads, lines, etc., cross each other
75. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
76. 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
77. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.
- v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
78. He is familiar with _____ and biology.
- n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions

ANSWERS: 71. vacuum, 72. disadvantage, 73. Essentially, 74. intersection, 75. invest, 76. launch, 77. grasp, 78. chemistry

79. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
80. 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
81. He _____ his health to make the project a success.
v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
82. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
83. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.
v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
84. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
85. I realize the _____ of a single life.
n. a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
86. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.
n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

ANSWERS: 79. unfortunately, 80. responsible, 81. neglected, 82. incredibly, 83. urged, 84. struggle, 85. loneliness, 86. profession

87. It was _____ of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

88. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

89. She made a _____ impression.

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

90. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

91. 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

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

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

93. Our interest began to _____ sharply.

v. to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.

94. The pharmacist not only prescribes the _____ but also guides its proper use.

n. a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

ANSWERS: 87. irresponsible, 88. eventually, 89. vivid, 90. suddenly, 91. movement, 92. suppose, 93. lag, 94. medication

95. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

96. 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

97. There was a _____ of silence about illegal police interrogation.

n. a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

98. He cannot _____ a holiday.

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

99. The colonial government _____ militia support when civil war broke out.

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

100. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

101. She is a strong advocate for _____ and works tirelessly for women's rights.

n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

102. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 95. award, 96. sensitive, 97. conspiracy, 98. afford, 99. recruited, 100. obvious, 101. feminism, 102. judge

103. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are _____.
adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
104. The army _____ arrived on the scene to provide medical assistance.
n. a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency
105. The car's engine _____ on the highway, so we had to call for a tow truck.
v. to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate
106. The cerebral _____ consists of six layers.
n. the outermost layer of an organ, especially the brain
107. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.
adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding
108. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
109. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
110. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.
n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
111. Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might _____ dolphins and whales.
v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

ANSWERS: 103. synonymous, 104. medic, 105. malfunctioned, 106. cortex, 107. cognitive, 108. advance, 109. grade, 110. legislation, 111. disorient

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

n. a condition or state that causes problems

113. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

114. 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

115. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

116. This program aims to _____ certain misconceptions about the disease.

v. to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea

117. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

118. The Empire State Building is a _____ in New York City.

n. a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point

119. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

ANSWERS: 112. difficulty, 113. balance, 114. develop, 115. academic, 116. dispel, 117. educational, 118. landmark, 119. blamed

120. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

121. I packed my _____ with all the necessary camping gear for our trip.

- n.* a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies

122. 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

123. I had to _____ the pop-up blocker in my browser to access the website.

- v.* to cause someone or something to become unable to function properly or as intended; to incapacitate or immobilize

124. The _____ for the upcoming election will be sent out to registered voters next week.

- n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election

125. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

- n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

126. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

127. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.

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

ANSWERS: 120. degree, 121. backpack, 122. recognize, 123. disable, 124. ballot, 125. aspects, 126. expand, 127. rev

128. The storm left a _____ of destruction behind it.

n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

129. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

130. We made _____ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

adj. very small in degree or amount

ANSWERS: 128. trail, 129. stark, 130. slight