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Session 1: Word List

elusive

adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

synonym: mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

celadon

n. a pale green or grayish-green color, often used to describe a type of ceramic pottery originating from China or Korea

synonym: ceramic, pottery, porcelain

(1) **celadon** technique, (2) **celadon** pottery

The **celadon** vase was a delicate shade of pale green.

ecru

n. a light beige or fawn color; an off-white or pale yellowish-brown color

synonym: beige, sand, oatmeal

(1) **ecru** color, (2) **ecru** fabric

The **ecru** curtains added a touch of sophistication to the minimalist living room.

carmine

n. a pigment or dye made from the dried bodies of cochineal insects used to make a red or crimson color; a deep red color

synonym : crimson, ruby, vermilion

(1) **carmine** dye, (2) **carmine** lipstick

I added a few drops of **carmine** pigment to the paint to give it a deep, rich red color.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym : isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

racism

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

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bias

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

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

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.

hue

n. the quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength

synonym : dye, tint, coloring

(1) the **hues** of a rainbow, (2) **hue** change
To achieve a warmer **hue**, add orange paint.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

phenomenon

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

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

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

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym: sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

corridor

n. a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure

synonym: hallway, passageway, aisle

(1) walk along a **corridor**, (2) air **corridor**

The long **corridor** was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym: optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

mash

v. to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions;
(*noun*) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

synonym: crush, grind, pulverize

(1) **mash** his words, (2) potato **mash**

She **mashed** the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

currency

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country

synonym: money, tender, cash

(1) **currency** exchange, (2) digital **currency**

The **currency** used in this country is the Euro.

exchange

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

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

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

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

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.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

stuffy

adj. lacking fresh air or ventilation; oppressively warm; lacking in excitement or variety; formal in manner or behavior

synonym: stuffy, suffocating, oppressive

(1) ventilate a **stuffy** office, (2) **stuffy** atmosphere
The **stuffy** classroom made it hard to breathe during the summer heat.

obscure

adj. not well known to many people

synonym: esoteric, vague, unrecognized

(1) **obscure** answer, (2) **obscure** artist

This information was primarily **obscured** in the first release.

terminology

n. the special words or phrases that are used within a particular field or subject; the language or jargon of a particular group or profession

synonym: jargon, lexicon, vocabulary

(1) industry **terminology**, (2) medical **terminology**

The instructor will provide a glossary of commonly used **terminology** at the beginning of the course.

palette

n. a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art

synonym: board, plate, color chart

(1) **palette** knife, (2) **palette** art

The artist selected colors from her **palette** to paint a beautiful landscape.

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.

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.

composition

n. the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

synonym : creating, formatting, arrangement

(1) age **composition** of the population, (2) the piano passages in the **composition**

Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of **composition**.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

bible

n. the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

synonym : authoritative book, holy book, doctrine

(1) a passage from the **Bible**, (2) believe **Bible** prophecy

Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology **bible**.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym: figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym: alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

kindergarten

n. a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six

synonym: preschool, nursery school, daycare

(1) **kindergarten** class, (2) **kindergarten** teacher

The **kindergarten** students were having a good time playing with toys.

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.

irreducible

adj. impossible to reduce or simplify to a simpler form or substance; essential or fundamental to the nature of something

synonym : indivisible, fundamental, essential

(1) **irreducible** complexity, (2) **irreducible** minimum

He believed that the complexity of human emotions was **irreducible** to simple explanations or formulas.

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

federal

adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

synonym : national, central, governmental

(1) **federal** regulations, (2) **federal** funding

The **federal** government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym : allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

residential

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

synonym : domestic, homely, dwelling

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

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

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym : potent, significant, meaningful

(1) an **influential** newspaper, (2) an **influential** politician
Early childhood experiences are very **influential** for people.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

cartographer

v. a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools

synonym: mapmaker

(1) expert **cartographer**, (2) **cartographer's** tool

A **cartographer's** job requires a strong eye for detail and a deep understanding of geographic principles.

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.

hazardous

adj. involving risk or danger; unsafe or unhealthy

synonym: dangerous, risky, unsafe

(1) **hazardous** material, (2) **hazardous** conditions

The **hazardous** chemicals must be handled with extreme care to avoid any accidents.

persist

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

synonym: endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

foreclosure

n. the legal process by which a lender repossesses and sells a property or asset due to the borrower's failure to meet loan payments; the act of taking control of or seizing property or assets to satisfy a debt

synonym: repossession, seizure, default

(1) **foreclosure** proceeding, (2) **foreclosure** crisis

The family faced **foreclosure** on their home after falling behind on mortgage payments.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

emblazon

v. to inscribe or adorn something with a design or symbol; to make a conspicuous or impressive display of something

synonym: display, exhibit, showcase

(1) **emblazon** logo, (2) **emblazon** with pride

The company **emblazoned** its slogan on billboards across the city.

vacate

v. to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty

synonym: empty, evacuate, abandon

(1) **vacate** a property, (2) **vacate** a seat

I need to **vacate** my apartment by the end of the month.

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

synonym: beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity
Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

ridiculous

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

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

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

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

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

emerge

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

synonym: arise, occur, appear

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

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

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners
Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

ghetto

n. an area of a city in which members of a particular group, typically an ethnic minority, usually live in poverty and with a high population density

synonym: slum, shantytown, inner city

(1) **ghetto** apartments, (2) **ghetto** school

The residents of the **ghetto** faced poverty and discrimination.

privilege

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

synonym: benefit, authorization, advantage

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

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

gang

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

synonym: crew, posse, group

(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member

The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

gentrify

v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and

the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

synonym: revitalize, renovate, renew

(1) **gentrify** a community, (2) **gentrify** a street

The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to **gentrify** the neighborhood.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

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.

theoretical

adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

synonym: conceptual, conjectural, ideal

(1) **theoretical** models, (2) **theoretical** physicist

Absolute zero is the lowest **theoretical** temperature.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

cyan

n. a greenish-blue color often used in printing and graphic design; a color that can be created through the combination of blue and green light

synonym: turquoise, teal, aqua

(1) **cyan** ink, (2) vibrant **cyan**

I love the deep shade of **cyan** on my new shirt.

sideways

adv. towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

synonym : to the edge, obliquely, sidelong

(1) fall **sideways**, (2) a **sideways** market

She glanced **sideways** at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.

sheen

n. a lustrous or glossy shine or surface finish; a glow or radiance that emanates from or suggests brightness or brilliance

synonym : shine, gloss, luster

(1) metallic **sheen**, (2) silky **sheen**

The polished silver vase had a bright **sheen** in the sunlight.

ensue

v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

synonym : follow, occur, result

(1) **ensue** within a few years, (2) predict what will **ensue**

A power outage **ensued** after the storm knocked out the electricity.

turquoise

n. a greenish-blue mineral that is a hydrated copper and aluminum phosphate and is valued as a gemstone, often used in jewelry and decorative objects

synonym : gemstone, aqua, blue-green stone

(1) **turquoise** dress, (2) **turquoise** jewelry

The **turquoise** waters of the Caribbean were a breathtaking sight.

teal

n. a blue-green color; a dark greenish-blue color that is somewhere between blue and green on the color spectrum; a small wild duck;

synonym : turquoise, blue-green, aquamarine

(1) **teal** color, (2) **teal** dress

The bathroom was painted in a beautiful shade of **teal**.

ultramarine

n. a vivid blue pigment used in painting and other mediums, originally made from the semi-precious stone lapis lazuli but now typically produced synthetically

synonym: blue, azure, cobalt

(1) **ultramarine** dye, (2) **ultramarine** waves

The **ultramarine** pigment was perfect for creating a deep blue color in the painting.

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**.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

shack

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

synonym: shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

loose

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

synonym: relaxed, unconsolidated, open

(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair

The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.

crown

n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

synonym : tiara, headdress, royalty

(1) the imperial **crown**, (2) the **crown** and throne
The bishop bestowed the golden **crown** on the king.

royal

adj. relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family

synonym : imperial, noble, aristocratic

(1) a **royal** palace, (2) prince **royal**

She is willing to give up her position in the **royal** family to marry him.

demolish

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

synonym : destroy, wreck, level

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

The city decided to **demolish** the old, unsafe building and build a new one.

malign

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence

synonym : defame, vilify, (adjective) evil

(1) **malign** influence, (2) **malign** the politician in the media

The article **maligned** the company's reputation with false accusations.

trunk

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

synonym : body, chest, torso

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

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

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

exterior

adj. situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something

synonym : external, outward, outer

(1) glass **exterior**, (2) new **exterior** design

Four **exterior** walls surround the courtyard.

monochromatic

adj. having only one color or consisting of shades of the same color; lacking in variety or diversity

synonym : monotone, uncolored, unvarying

(1) **monochromatic** color scheme, (2) **monochromatic** design

The artist created a beautiful **monochromatic** painting that showcased different shades of blue.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym : style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

canvas

n. the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

(1) blank **canvas**, (2) oil on **canvas**

Life is a vast **canvas**; you should put as much paint on it as possible.

obsessive

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

synonym : compulsive, fixated, besetting

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

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

burnout.

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.

demolition

n. the act of destroying or tearing down a building or other structure

synonym: destruction, clearance, leveling

(1) **demolition** site, (2) **demolition** work

The city authorized the **demolition** of the abandoned building.

salvage

n. the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation

synonym: rescue, recovery

(1) **salvage** operation, (2) **salvage** a sunken ship

The **salvage** yard was full of old cars waiting to be scrapped.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

permit

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

synonym: allow, authorize, concede

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

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

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.

buy-in

v. to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something

synonym: invest, buy, prepare

(1) **buy-in** bulk, (2) **buy-in** the idea

The shareholders were reluctant to **buy-in** the new project, but the presentation convinced them otherwise.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

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.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

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

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

counterpart

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

synonym:

equivalent, analogue, match

(1) **counterpart** agreement, (2) negotiating **counterpart**
His **counterpart** in the other company is responsible for marketing.

monopoly

n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

synonym: cartel, trust, ownership

(1) a government **monopoly**, (2) **monopoly** in distribution
The government strived to protect its tobacco **monopoly**.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym: gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently
Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym: neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**
He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

mysterious

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

synonym: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains

unsolved.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym : all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

beacon

n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

synonym : lighthouse, guidepost, marker

(1) an aerial **beacon**, (2) **beacon** of hope

The lighthouse served as a **beacon** to guide ships safely into port.

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

synonym : wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files

He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym : surprising, unanticipated, incredible

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

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

concert

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

synonym : gig, musical, show

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

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

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym : believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

patch

n. a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

synonym : mend, repair, fix

(1) **patch** of grass, (2) software **patch**

I need to sew a **patch** onto my jeans that ripped.

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**.

royalty

n. revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen

synonym : nobility, aristocracy, monarch

(1) a grandchild of **royalty**, (2) **royalty** income

The **royalty** payments for the use of the patented technology were quite high.

regain

v. to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away

synonym: recover, reclaim, retrieve

(1) **regain** our reputation, (2) **regain** my health

After years of hard work, he finally **regained** his financial stability.

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**.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

relinquish

v. to give up power, control, or possession

synonym: surrender, give up, abandon

(1) **relinquish** control, (2) **relinquish** all hope

She decided to **relinquish** her role as the leader of the group.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

index

n. a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index

synonym: list, directory, indicator

(1) a full-text **index**, (2) health **index**

The stock market **index** measures the performance of a group of stocks.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

alcoholism

n. a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages

synonym: alcohol dependency, alcohol addiction, drunkenness

(1) acute **alcoholism**, (2) **alcoholism** recovery

He lost everything due to his **alcoholism**.

catalyst

n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly;
(chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

synonym: accelerator, stimulant, motivation

(1) a **catalyst** in the process of hydrolysis, (2) **catalyst** for reform

The global financial crisis acted as a **catalyst** to unite the country.

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.

unmistakable

adj. clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand

synonym: apparent, clear, definite

(1) find **unmistakable** evidence, (2) **unmistakable** difference

His talent for singing is **unmistakable**.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym: clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomforting, painful

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

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

affirmation

n. a statement declaring something to be true strongly

synonym: confirmation, validation, endorsement

(1) self- **affirmation**, (2) statement of **affirmation**

The **affirmation** from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym: cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

crew

n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

synonym: team, group, squad

(1) the film **crew**, (2) the **crew** of a fishing boat

The ship's **crew** worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

perception

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

synonym: understanding, idea, awareness

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

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

passersby

n. people who are walking past a particular place often used to refer to a group of people or an undefined number of individuals

synonym : bystanders, onlookers, observers

(1) **passersby** on the sidewalk, (2) group of **passersby**

The busy street was filled with **passersby** hurrying to their destinations.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym : average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

inescapable

adj. impossible to avoid or evade

synonym : unavoidable, inevitable, ineluctable

(1) **inescapable** fate, (2) an **inescapable** position

The consequences of his actions were **inescapable**, and he had to face the consequences.

identify

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

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

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

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

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym : lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

Session 2: Spelling

1. kin_____ten class *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
2. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
3. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
4. health in__x *n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
5. group of pa_____by *n.* people who are walking past a particular place often used to refer to a group of people or an undefined number of individuals
6. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
7. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
8. remove lo__e hair *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
9. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 1. kindergarten, 2. visual, 3. identify, 4. index, 5. passersby, 6. deem, 7. vary, 8. loose, 9. context

10. systemic ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
11. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
12. cu____cy exchange *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
13. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
14. glass ex____or *adj.* situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something
15. kin_____ten teacher *n.* a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
16. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
17. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
18. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 10. racism, 11. stick, 12. currency, 13. institutionalize, 14. exterior, 15. kindergarten, 16. relation, 17. lever, 18. conversation

19. e__u fabric *n.* a light beige or fawn color; an off-white or pale yellowish-brown color
20. historical co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
21. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
22. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
23. ha_____us conditions *adj.* involving risk or danger; unsafe or unhealthy
24. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
25. fleshly de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
26. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
27. an el____e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
28. de____sh a bridge *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
29. as____e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 19. ecru, 20. context, 21. uncomfortable, 22. involve, 23. hazardous, 24. amazing, 25. desire, 26. relation, 27. elusive, 28. demolish, 29. assume

30. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
31. rel_____sh control *v.* to give up power, control, or possession
32. an inf_____al newspaper *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
33. rel_____sh all hope *v.* to give up power, control, or possession
34. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
35. irr_____le complexity *adj.* impossible to reduce or simplify to a simpler form or substance; essential or fundamental to the nature of something
36. the film c__w *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
37. a passage from the Bi__e *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
38. ult_____ne dye *n.* a vivid blue pigment used in painting and other mediums, originally made from the semi-precious stone lapis lazuli but now typically produced synthetically
39. 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

ANSWERS: 30. erase, 31. relinquish, 32. influential, 33. relinquish, 34. determinant, 35. irreducible, 36. crew, 37. bible, 38. ultramarine, 39. background

40. tr_____m an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
41. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
42. sa_____e operation *n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation
43. vi_____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
44. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
45. self-aff_____on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
46. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
47. an ine_____le position *adj.* impossible to avoid or evade
48. ina_____tly deleted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
49. the tr__k of the tree *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
50. me___m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
51. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 40. transform, 41. slightly, 42. salvage, 43. visible, 44. industrious, 45. affirmation, 46. compete, 47. inescapable, 48. inadvertently, 49. trunk, 50. medium, 51. relate

52. 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
53. tu_____se jewelry *n.* a greenish-blue mineral that is a hydrated copper and aluminum phosphate and is valued as a gemstone, often used in jewelry and decorative objects
54. air co_____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
55. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
56. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
57. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
58. em_____on with pride *v.* to inscribe or adorn something with a design or symbol; to make a conspicuous or impressive display of something
59. a ca_____st in the process of hydrolysis *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

ANSWERS: 52. label, 53. turquoise, 54. corridor, 55. exchange, 56. combine, 57. involve, 58. emblazon, 59. catalyst

60. t__l dress *n.* a blue-green color; a dark greenish-blue color that is somewhere between blue and green on the color spectrum; a small wild duck;
61. age com_____on of the population *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
62. re___n my health *v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
63. bu___n the idea *v.* to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something
64. medical ter_____gy *n.* the special words or phrases that are used within a particular field or subject; the language or jargon of a particular group or profession
65. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
66. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
67. c__n ink *n.* a greenish-blue color often used in printing and graphic design; a color that can be created through the combination of blue and green light

ANSWERS: 60. teal, 61. composition, 62. regain, 63. buy-in, 64. terminology, 65. crisis, 66. rely, 67. cyan

68. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
69. sa_____e a sunken ship *n.* the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation
70. ventilate a st___y office *adj.* lacking fresh air or ventilation; oppressively warm; lacking in excitement or variety; formal in manner or behavior
71. statement of aff_____on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
72. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
73. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
74. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
75. se_____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
76. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 68. emerge, 69. salvage, 70. stuffy, 71. affirmation, 72. argue, 73. construct, 74. unexpected, 75. segregate, 76. nod

77. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
78. blank ca___s *n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
79. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
80. prince ro___l *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
81. find unm_____ble evidence *adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
82. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
83. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
84. the tr___k of the body *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
85. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
86. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
87. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
88. ob_____e artist *adj.* not well known to many people

ANSWERS: 77. decide, 78. canvas, 79. exchange, 80. royal, 81. unmistakable, 82. resonate, 83. nervous, 84. trunk, 85. absolutely, 86. transform, 87. slightly, 88. obscure

89. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
90. new fa____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
91. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
92. silky sh__n *n.* a lustrous or glossy shine or surface finish; a glow or radiance that emanates from or suggests brightness or brilliance
93. the c__w of a fishing boat *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
94. syn____us terms *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
95. industry ter____gy *n.* the special words or phrases that are used within a particular field or subject; the language or jargon of a particular group or profession
96. de____sh a myth *v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
97. g__g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
98. irr____le minimum *adj.* impossible to reduce or simplify to a simpler form or substance; essential or fundamental to the nature of something
99. keen per____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 89. emerge, 90. fashion, 91. nod, 92. sheen, 93. crew, 94. synonymous, 95. terminology, 96. demolish, 97. gang, 98. irreducible, 99. perception

100. vi____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
101. new ex____or design *adj.* situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something
102. pa__h of grass *n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
103. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
104. tu_____se dress *n.* a greenish-blue mineral that is a hydrated copper and aluminum phosphate and is valued as a gemstone, often used in jewelry and decorative objects
105. in_____ve education *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
106. ca_____e lipstick *n.* a pigment or dye made from the dried bodies of cochineal insects used to make a red or crimson color; a deep red color
107. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
108. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

ANSWERS: 100. visible, 101. exterior, 102. patch, 103. principle, 104. turquoise, 105. inclusive, 106. carmine, 107. institutionalize, 108. symbol

109. for_____re crisis *n.* the legal process by which a lender repossesses and sells a property or asset due to the borrower's failure to meet loan payments; the act of taking control of or seizing property or assets to satisfy a debt
110. the cr__n and throne *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
111. bu___n bulk *v.* to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something
112. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
113. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
114. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
115. er__e a memory *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
116. 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
117. dem_____on site *n.* the act of destroying or tearing down a building or other structure
118. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 109. foreclosure, 110. crown, 111. buy-in, 112. ridiculous, 113. amazing, 114. consume, 115. erase, 116. rev, 117. demolition, 118. principle

119. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
120. acute alc_____sm *n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
121. pr_____y school *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
122. em_____on logo *v.* to inscribe or adorn something with a design or symbol; to make a conspicuous or impressive display of something
123. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
124. oil on ca___s *n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
125. 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
126. mon_____tic color scheme *adj.* having only one color or consisting of shades of the same color; lacking in variety or diversity
127. 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

ANSWERS: 119. posit, 120. alcoholism, 121. primary, 122. emblazon, 123. compete, 124. canvas, 125. background, 126. monochromatic, 127. label

128. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
129. get ne____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
130. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
131. id____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
132. pa____e knife *n.* a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art
133. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
134. 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
135. deeply re____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
136. co____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
137. 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

ANSWERS: 128. icon, 129. nervous, 130. stick, 131. identify, 132. palette, 133. define, 134. refer, 135. resonate, 136. contrast, 137. rev

138. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
139. pe_____t in success *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
140. ob_____ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
141. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
142. e__u color *n.* a light beige or fawn color; an off-white or pale yellowish-brown color
143. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
144. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
145. cultural and ar_____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
146. st___y atmosphere *adj.* lacking fresh air or ventilation; oppressively warm; lacking in excitement or variety; formal in manner or behavior

ANSWERS: 138. separate, 139. persist, 140. obsessive, 141. overnight, 142. ecru, 143. urban, 144. cult, 145. artistic, 146. stuffy

147. vibrant c__n *n.* a greenish-blue color often used in printing and graphic design; a color that can be created through the combination of blue and green light
148. research on anti-ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
149. in_____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
150. an inf_____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
151. m__h his words *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
152. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
153. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
154. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
155. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

ANSWERS: 147. cyan, 148. racism, 149. instinct, 150. influential, 151. mash, 152. mysterious, 153. urban, 154. intimidate, 155. administer

156. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
157. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
158. walk along a co_____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
159. believe Bi__e prophecy *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
160. ra___l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
161. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
162. ge_____fy a community *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
163. car_____her's tool *v.* a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools
164. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 156. ridiculous, 157. complicated, 158. corridor, 159. bible, 160. racial, 161. phenomenon, 162. gentrify, 163. cartographer, 164. industrious

165. an aerial be___n *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
166. alc_____sm recovery *n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
167. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
168. va___e a property *v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty
169. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
170. t__l color *n.* a blue-green color; a dark greenish-blue color that is somewhere between blue and green on the color spectrum; a small wild duck;
171. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
172. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
173. a full-text in__x *n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index

ANSWERS: 165. beacon, 166. alcoholism, 167. assume, 168. vacate, 169. statistics, 170. teal, 171. statistics, 172. symbol, 173. index

174. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
175. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
176. fe_____l regulations *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
177. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
178. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
179. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
180. the_____al models *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
181. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

ANSWERS: 174. instinct, 175. environment, 176. federal, 177. argue, 178. relate, 179. fin, 180. theoretical, 181. overnight

182. po__t the existence of life after death
v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
183. adm_____er justice
v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
184. ob_____ve thoughts
adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
185. television i__n
n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
186. per_____on of a stimulus
n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
187. a breach of pr_____ge
n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
188. an advertising me___m
adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
189. financial cr___s
n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 182. posit, 183. administer, 184. obsessive, 185. icon, 186. perception, 187. privilege, 188. medium, 189. crisis

190. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
191. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
192. an ar____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
193. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
194. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
195. a motorcycle g__g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
196. a fully in_____ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
197. ma___n the politician in the media *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
198. dem_____on work *n.* the act of destroying or tearing down a building or other structure
199. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
200. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
201. re___n our reputation *v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away

ANSWERS: 190. deem, 191. visual, 192. artistic, 193. uncomfortable, 194. intimidate, 195. gang, 196. inclusive, 197. malign, 198. demolition, 199. absolutely, 200. fashion, 201. regain

202. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
203. ob_____e answer *adj.* not well known to many people
204. still vi__d in my memory *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
205. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
206. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
207. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
208. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
209. a si_____ys market *adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
210. ce_____n technique *n.* a pale green or grayish-green color, often used to describe a type of ceramic pottery originating from China or Korea
211. ro_____y income *n.* revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen
212. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 202. phenomenon, 203. obscure, 204. vivid, 205. associate, 206. lever, 207. essentially, 208. stark, 209. sideways, 210. celadon, 211. royalty, 212. desire

213. ge____fy a street *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
214. co____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
215. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
216. mon_____tic design *adj.* having only one color or consisting of shades of the same color; lacking in variety or diversity
217. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
218. a lo__e tongue *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
219. for_____re proceeding *n.* the legal process by which a lender repossesses and sells a property or asset due to the borrower's failure to meet loan payments; the act of taking control of or seizing property or assets to satisfy a debt
220. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
221. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 213. gentrify, 214. consume, 215. decide, 216. monochromatic, 217. pervasive, 218. loose, 219. foreclosure, 220. communal, 221. government

222. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
223. humble sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
224. en__e within a few years *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
225. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
226. pe___t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
227. vi__d colors *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
228. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
229. 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
230. 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
231. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 222. environment, 223. shack, 224. ensue, 225. commerce, 226. permit, 227. vivid, 228. conversation, 229. refer, 230. primary, 231. communal

232. co____e chemically with another substance
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
233. fall si____ys
adv. towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
234. negotiating cou____rt
n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
235. a res____al district
adj. relating to, suitable for, or used for living in
236. some une____ed events
adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
237. metallic sh__n
n. a lustrous or glossy shine or surface finish; a glow or radiance that emanates from or suggests brightness or brilliance
238. de___e my position
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
239. a com____ed process
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
240. h_e change
n. the quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength
241. c__t's practices
n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
242. ce____n pottery
n. a pale green or grayish-green color, often used to describe a type of ceramic pottery originating from China or Korea

ANSWERS: 232. combine, 233. sideways, 234. counterpart, 235. residential, 236. unexpected, 237. sheen, 238. define, 239. complicated, 240. hue, 241. cult, 242. celadon

243. co_____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
244. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
245. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
246. gh___o apartments *n.* an area of a city in which members of a particular group, typically an ethnic minority, usually live in poverty and with a high population density
247. mo_____ly in distribution *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
248. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
249. the piano passages in the
com_____on *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
250. the imperial cr__n *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
251. ina_____tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

ANSWERS: 243. complain, 244. mysterious, 245. vary, 246. ghetto, 247. monopoly, 248. essentially, 249. composition, 250. crown, 251. inadvertently

252. a government mo_____ly *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
253. fe_____l funding *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
254. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
255. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
256. non-syn_____us mutation *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
257. potato m__h *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
258. a grandchild of ro_____y *n.* revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen
259. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 252. monopoly, 253. federal, 254. construct, 255. associate, 256. synonymous, 257. mash, 258. royalty, 259. rely

280. track down an el_____e fact	<i>adj.</i> difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
281. ra____l prejudice	<i>adj.</i> of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
282. gov_____nt bureaucracy	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
283. environmental det_____nt	<i>n.</i> a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
284. call and co_____in frequently	<i>v.</i> to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
285. se_____te video into chapter	<i>v.</i> to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
286. co_____st with a decade ago	<i>v.</i> to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
287. ca_____st for reform	<i>n.</i> a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
288. the h_es of a rainbow	<i>n.</i> the quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength
289. ha_____us material	<i>adj.</i> involving risk or danger; unsafe or unhealthy
290. va____e a seat	<i>v.</i> to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty

ANSWERS: 280. elusive, 281. racial, 282. government, 283. determinant, 284. complain, 285. separate, 286. contrast, 287. catalyst, 288. hue, 289. hazardous, 290. vacate

291. ult_____ne waves *n.* a vivid blue pigment used in painting and other mediums, originally made from the semi-precious stone lapis lazuli but now typically produced synthetically
292. the_____al physicist *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
293. be___n of hope *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
294. ine_____le fate *adj.* impossible to avoid or evade
295. res_____al property *adj.* relating to, suitable for, or used for living in
296. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
297. work pe___t *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
298. beach sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

ANSWERS: 291. ultramarine, 292. theoretical, 293. beacon, 294. inescapable, 295. residential, 296. fin, 297. permit, 298. shack

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ waters of the Caribbean were a breathtaking sight.
n. a greenish-blue mineral that is a hydrated copper and aluminum phosphate and is valued as a gemstone, often used in jewelry and decorative objects

2. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.
adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

3. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

4. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

5. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

6. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.
adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

7. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are _____.
adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

8. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 1. turquoise, 2. stark, 3. consume, 4. fins, 5. industrious, 6. artistic, 7. synonymous, 8. argue

9. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
10. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.
n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
11. The _____ yard was full of old cars waiting to be scrapped.
n. the act of saving or rescuing something from potential loss or destruction; the property or items that are saved or rescued in this way; (verb) to save, recover, or rescue something from a dangerous, damaged, or deteriorating situation
12. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.
adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
13. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
14. The artist created a beautiful _____ painting that showcased different shades of blue.
adj. having only one color or consisting of shades of the same color; lacking in variety or diversity
15. Life is a vast _____ you should put as much paint on it as possible.
n. the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
16. He moved his body _____ to the left.
adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

ANSWERS: 9. decide, 10. instinct, 11. salvage, 12. pervasive, 13. amazing, 14. monochromatic, 15. canvas;, 16. slightly

17. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
18. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
19. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
- adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
20. The global financial crisis acted as a _____ to unite the country.
- n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
21. The government strived to protect its tobacco _____.
- n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
22. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
- adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
23. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
24. Four _____ walls surround the courtyard.
- adj.* situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something

ANSWERS: 17. statistics, 18. absolutely, 19. ridiculous, 20. catalyst, 21. monopoly, 22. urban, 23. assumes, 24. exterior

25. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
26. She _____ the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.
- v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
27. The _____ used in this country is the Euro.
- n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
28. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
29. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
- n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
30. The consequences of his actions were _____ and he had to face the consequences.
- adj.* impossible to avoid or evade
31. She made a _____ impression.
- adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
32. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
- adj.* relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 25. involves, 26. mashed, 27. currency, 28. commerce, 29. privilege, 30. inescapable, 31. vivid, 32. visual

33. Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the _____.
- n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
34. The instructor will provide a glossary of commonly used _____ at the beginning of the course.
- n.* the special words or phrases that are used within a particular field or subject; the language or jargon of a particular group or profession
35. To achieve a warmer _____ add orange paint.
- n.* the quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength
36. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.
- adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
37. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.
- n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
38. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
- v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
39. The city authorized the _____ of the abandoned building.
- n.* the act of destroying or tearing down a building or other structure
40. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 33. trunk, 34. terminology, 35. hue, 36. medium, 37. icons, 38. associate, 39. demolition, 40. principle

41. She decided to _____ her role as the leader of the group.

v. to give up power, control, or possession

42. The bishop bestowed the golden _____ on the king.

n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

43. I love the deep shade of _____ on my new shirt.

n. a greenish-blue color often used in printing and graphic design; a color that can be created through the combination of blue and green light

44. 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)

45. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

46. I need to sew a _____ onto my jeans that ripped.

n. a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

47. A power outage _____ after the storm knocked out the electricity.

v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

48. 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: 41. relinquish, 42. crown, 43. cyan, 44. racial, 45. relate, 46. patch, 47. ensued, 48. rev

49. His abusive words made me _____.

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

50. Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology _____.

n. the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

51. That style is no longer in _____.

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

52. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

53. He lost everything due to his _____.

n. a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages

54. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

55. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

56. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

ANSWERS: 49. uncomfortable, 50. bible, 51. fashion, 52. separate, 53. alcoholism, 54. nervous, 55. crisis, 56. inclusive

57. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
58. 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
59. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
60. This artist always packs the _____ halls.
n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
61. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
62. The city's _____ area is known for its quiet streets and beautiful homes.
adj. relating to, suitable for, or used for living in
63. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.
v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
64. 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

ANSWERS: 57. relations, 58. refer, 59. define, 60. concert, 61. institutionalize, 62. residential, 63. intimidate, 64. label

65. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

66. The lighthouse served as a _____ to guide ships safely into port.

- n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

67. I _____ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

- adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

68. The bathroom was painted in a beautiful shade of _____.

- n.* a blue-green color; a dark greenish-blue color that is somewhere between blue and green on the color spectrum; a small wild duck;

69. She glanced _____ at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.

- adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

70. The school board decided to _____ students by the ability to meet their needs better.

- v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

71. Absolute zero is the lowest _____ temperature.

- adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

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

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

ANSWERS: 65. stick, 66. beacon, 67. inadvertently, 68. teal, 69. sideways, 70. segregate, 71. theoretical, 72. identify

73. The company _____ its slogan on billboards across the city.
v. to inscribe or adorn something with a design or symbol; to make a conspicuous or impressive display of something
74. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.
adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
75. The _____ payments for the use of the patented technology were quite high.
n. revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen
76. His talent for singing is _____.
adj. clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
77. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
78. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
79. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
80. The shareholders were reluctant to _____ the new project, but the presentation convinced them otherwise.
v. to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something

ANSWERS: 73. emblazoned, 74. overnight, 75. royalty, 76. unmistakable, 77. desire, 78. Essentially, 79. transformed, 80. buy-in

81. 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
82. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.
- v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
83. The long _____ was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.
- n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
84. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
85. The _____ from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.
- n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
86. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.
- v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
87. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
- adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

ANSWERS: 81. background, 82. contrast, 83. corridor, 84. determinant, 85. affirmation, 86. vary, 87. complicated

88. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
89. Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of _____.
- n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
90. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
- v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
91. The _____ classroom made it hard to breathe during the summer heat.
- adj.* lacking fresh air or ventilation; oppressively warm; lacking in excitement or variety; formal in manner or behavior
92. The city decided to _____ the old, unsafe building and build a new one.
- v.* to completely destroy or tear down a building, structure, or other entity; to ruin or eliminate the effectiveness or power of something
93. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
94. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
95. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.
- adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

ANSWERS: 88. constructs, 89. composition, 90. rely, 91. stuffy, 92. demolish, 93. environment, 94. combine, 95. mysterious

96. The ship's _____ worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.
n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
97. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.
v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
98. The physicist who found the _____ particle won the Nobel Prize.
adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
99. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
100. The _____ students were having a good time playing with toys.
n. a school or class for young children, usually between the ages of four and six
101. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
102. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
103. The stock market _____ measures the performance of a group of stocks.
n. a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index

ANSWERS: 96. crew, 97. administer, 98. elusive, 99. cult, 100. kindergarten, 101. unexpected, 102. government, 103. index

104. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

105. A _____ job requires a strong eye for detail and a deep understanding of geographic principles.

v. a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools

106. My home is easily _____ from the shore.

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

107. The fisherman lived in a small _____ by the lake.

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

108. I added a few drops of _____ pigment to the paint to give it a deep, rich red color.

n. a pigment or dye made from the dried bodies of cochineal insects used to make a red or crimson color; a deep red color

109. The _____ pigment was perfect for creating a deep blue color in the painting.

n. a vivid blue pigment used in painting and other mediums, originally made from the semi-precious stone lapis lazuli but now typically produced synthetically

110. A rainbow is a natural _____.

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

111. 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

ANSWERS: 104. complaining, 105. cartographer's, 106. visible, 107. shack, 108. carmine, 109. ultramarine, 110. phenomenon, 111. primary

112. The _____ chemicals must be handled with extreme care to avoid any accidents.

adj. involving risk or danger; unsafe or unhealthy

113. The polished silver vase had a bright _____ in the sunlight.

n. a lustrous or glossy shine or surface finish; a glow or radiance that emanates from or suggests brightness or brilliance

114. His _____ in the other company is responsible for marketing.

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

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

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

116. The family faced _____ on their home after falling behind on mortgage payments.

n. the legal process by which a lender repossesses and sells a property or asset due to the borrower's failure to meet loan payments; the act of taking control of or seizing property or assets to satisfy a debt

117. She _____ quietly in response to the question.

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

118. The residents of the _____ faced poverty and discrimination.

n. an area of a city in which members of a particular group, typically an ethnic minority, usually live in poverty and with a high population density

ANSWERS: 112. hazardous, 113. sheen, 114. counterpart, 115. permit, 116. foreclosure, 117. nodded, 118. ghetto

119. The inspector discovered _____ bolts under the fuel rods.

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

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

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

121. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

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

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

123. The article _____ the company's reputation with false accusations.

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence

124. The street _____ was known for its violent behavior.

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

125. The _____ government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

ANSWERS: 119. loose, 120. racism, 121. compete, 122. exchange, 123. maligned, 124. gang, 125. federal

126. After years of hard work, he finally _____ his financial stability.
- v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
127. He believed that the complexity of human emotions was _____ to simple explanations or formulas.
- adj.* impossible to reduce or simplify to a simpler form or substance; essential or fundamental to the nature of something
128. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.
- n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
129. I need to _____ my apartment by the end of the month.
- v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty
130. Consult your doctor if the symptoms _____.
- v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
131. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
- v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
132. The _____ curtains added a touch of sophistication to the minimalist living room.
- n.* a light beige or fawn color; an off-white or pale yellowish-brown color
133. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 126. regained, 127. irreducible, 128. perception, 129. vacate, 130. persist, 131. posit, 132. ecru, 133. context

134. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

135. The sound _____ well in this theater.

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

136. The _____ vase was a delicate shade of pale green.

n. a pale green or grayish-green color, often used to describe a type of ceramic pottery originating from China or Korea

137. The busy street was filled with _____ hurrying to their destinations.

n. people who are walking past a particular place often used to refer to a group of people or an undefined number of individuals

138. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

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

139. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

140. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

141. The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to _____ the neighborhood.

v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

ANSWERS: 134. Communal, 135. resonates, 136. celadon, 137. passersby, 138. emerged, 139. deemed, 140. influential, 141. gentrify

142. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

143. The artist selected colors from her _____ to paint a beautiful landscape.

n. a thin board or tablet used by artists to mix and apply paint; a range of colors or shades used in a particular work of art

144. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

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

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

146. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

147. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

148. This information was primarily _____ in the first release.

adj. not well known to many people

149. She is willing to give up her position in the _____ family to marry him.

adj. relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family

ANSWERS: 142. erase, 143. palette, 144. conversation, 145. obsessive, 146. lever, 147. symbol, 148. obscured, 149. royal