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Session 1: Word List

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

skeleton

n. the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant

synonym: bones, frame, structure

(1) the steel **skeleton** of a building, (2) **skeleton** hand

Scientists studied the ancient **skeleton** to learn more about the creature's anatomy.

invite

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

synonym: ask, request, summon

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

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

eventually

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

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

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

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

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym: bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

flicker

v. to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light

synonym: flash, spark, glimmer

(1) **flicker** every two seconds, (2) **flicker** out like a candle

The fireflies **flickered** in the darkness.

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym: comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up

Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

peter

v. to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

synonym: decrease, drop, lower

(1) eventually **peter** out, (2) begin to **peter** out

The music just **petered** out.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym: art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

useless

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

synonym: ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen

The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym : doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym : title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

artwork

n. the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.

synonym : painting, picture, graphics

(1) ancient **artwork**, (2) **artwork** conservation

Videos documenting the process of creating this pencil **artwork** have been popular worldwide.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

auction

n. a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding

synonym : sale, vendue, bidding

(1) **auction** house, (2) online **auction**

The antique furniture was sold at **auction** for a high price.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time
synonym: modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders
Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

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.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role
The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings
synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

fulfill

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

synonym: satisfy, complete, accomplish

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

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

burning

adj. intense or scorching heat

synonym : scorching, blazing, smoldering

(1) **burning** desire, (2) **burning** passion

The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a **burning** inferno.

movement

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

synonym : motion, progression, action

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

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

anarchist

n. a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary

synonym : nihilist, syndicalist, agitator

(1) **anarchist** terrorism, (2) **anarchist** group

The event pretty much converted him from his **anarchist** views.

experiment

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

synonym : experimentation, investigation

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

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

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.

pilgrim

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

synonym: traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

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

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

consumerism

n. a cultural and economic ideology that places a high value on the consumption and acquisition of goods and services, often associating personal identity or success with material possessions

synonym: consumer culture, materialism

(1) anti- **consumerism** movement, (2) global **consumerism**

The rise of **consumerism** has led to an increase in wastefulness and environmental damage.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym: jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase

Canada **bounds** on the United States.

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym: harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

swear

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

synonym: declare, assert, curse

(1) **swear** an oath, (2) **swear** a blue streak

I **swear** I didn't mean to break your vase.

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.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym : bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

exhibition

n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

synonym : display, show, presentation

(1) a personal **exhibition**, (2) **exhibition** opening

The art museum is hosting an **exhibition** of contemporary paintings next month.

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym : minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

fascinate

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

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young
The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

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

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

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

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.

encampment

n. a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes

synonym : campsite, bivouac, settlement

(1) military **encampment**, (2) temporary **encampment**

The **encampment** of soldiers in the field was a temporary arrangement.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

interactive

adj. acting reciprocally; mutually responsive

synonym : reciprocal, responsive, mutual

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

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

installation

n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

synonym : induction, introduction, furnishing

(1) **installation** fee, (2) a medical **installation**

The Queen attested the **installation** of state ministers to their portfolios.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

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**.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym : innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

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.

gesture

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

synonym : motion, expression, gesticulation

(1) **gesture** of goodwill, (2) hand **gesture**
She made a facial **gesture** to express disagreement.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity
We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym : toil, moil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**
In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling
My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

pioneer

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

synonym : frontiersperson, innovator, trailblazer

(1) act as a **pioneer**, (2) early **pioneers**
John Whitney was a computer animation **pioneer**.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

distinctive

adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

synonym : characteristic, individual, unique

(1) **distinctive** ability, (2) design to be **distinctive**

His writing style was **distinctive**, with a clear and concise voice.

withstand

v. to resist the effect or impact of something

synonym : endure, bear, resist

(1) **withstand** pressure, (2) **withstand** temptation

The new phone is waterproof and can **withstand** being dropped in water.

stimming

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

synonym : self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

daylight

n. the natural light produced by the sun during the day, especially in contrast to artificial light or darkness

synonym : sunlight, daytime, day

(1) **daylight** hours, (2) natural **daylight**

The view of the city skyline from the top of the building looked amazing in the **daylight**.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym : alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

interpretation

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

synonym : rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**

His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym : meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

synonym : massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym : close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

surreal

adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

synonym : dreamlike, fantastical, unreal

(1) **surreal** number, (2) **surreal** art

The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a **surreal** feel.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym : workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

virtually

adv. almost completely

synonym : almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical

Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

spatial

adj. of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things

synonym : dimensional, geographical

(1) **spatial** ability, (2) **spatial** distribution

He carefully determined the **spatial** relations of every piece of the stage set.

grace

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

synonym : charm, poise, elegance

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

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

audacity

n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

synonym : boldness, daring, temerity

(1) **audacity** of hope, (2) act of **audacity**

His **audacity** in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.

irreverent

adj. lacking proper respect or seriousness, often in a lighthearted or humorous manner; not showing reverence or deference to established authority or tradition

synonym : disrespectful, impious, sacrilegious

(1) **irreverent** comment, (2) **irreverent** attitude

The comedian's **irreverent** jokes about religion offended some members of the audience.

humor

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

synonym : comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**

My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

chapel

n. a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship

synonym : sanctuary, church, place of worship

(1) a **chapel** royal, (2) **chapel** bell

The spacious **chapel** was a peaceful sanctuary for the couple to exchange their vows.

precarious

adj. not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

synonym : precariousness, instability, uncertainty

(1) **precarious** job, (2) **precarious** financial situation

She had a **precarious** hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

beam

n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

synonym : ray, ray of light, shaft of light

(1) **beam** of light, (2) a structural **beam** of a building

The sun's **beam** shone through the window and illuminated the room.

lure

v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something

synonym : tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

religion

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

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

firmament

n. the heavens or sky, especially as seen from a particular point on earth; the expanse or canopy of space considered by ancient astronomers to be a solid sphere upon which the stars, planets, and other celestial bodies were situated

synonym : sky, heavens, cosmos

(1) twinkling **firmament**, (2) celestial **firmament**

The stars in the **firmament** shone brightly on a clear night.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym: aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

sublime

adj. of such excellence, grandeur, or beauty as to inspire great admiration or awe

synonym: magnificent, majestic, grand

(1) **sublime** ignorance, (2) **sublime** beauty

The view from the mountaintop was genuinely **sublime**.

canopy

n. a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

synonym: cover, top, shade

(1) **canopy** layer, (2) under a **canopy** of smoke

The forest's **canopy** provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

thump

v. to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully

synonym: beat, thud, pound

(1) **thump** on the back, (2) **thump** a blistering shot

I heard someone **thump** on the door, and when I opened it, no one was there.

rave

v. to talk in a noisy, excited, or uncontrolled manner; to praise someone or something enthusiastically

synonym: babble, freak out, be enthusiastic

(1) **rave** against the politician, (2) **rave** myself hoarse

You can rant and **rave** at the arrest, but you'll still have to accept it.

chaos

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

synonym: disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

swarm

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

synonym: horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**

A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

mutant

n. an organism that has characteristics resulting from a mutation (= alteration in the nucleic acid sequence of the genome)

(1) **mutant** Omicron strain, (2) **mutant** animal

The biologist thinks this **mutant** gene links to cancer.

roam

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

synonym: wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

necessity

n. the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable

synonym: need, essentiality, prerequisite

(1) in great **necessity**, (2) the **necessity** of the concrete measure

He emphasized the **necessity** of immediate action.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym : ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

zigzag

adj. having short sharp turns or angles

synonym : bent, crinkled, crooked

(1) **zigzag** sewing machine, (2) a **zigzag** line

We had to go through a **zigzag** course.

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym : abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym : shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

pulse

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

synonym : beat, vibration, throb

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

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

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

marvelous

adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

synonym: wonderful, amazing, superb

(1) **marvelous** performance, (2) **marvelous** power

The view from the top of the mountain was **marvelous**.

toy

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

synonym: plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box

He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

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.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

collective

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

synonym: composite, concerted, cumulative

(1) right to **collective** bargaining, (2) **collective** ownership

Product development is a **collective** effort.

crane

n. a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook

synonym : hoist, derrick, winch

(1) **crane** operator, (2) **crane** construction

The construction workers used a **crane** to lift the heavy beams.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

Gothic

adj. of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries

synonym : medieval, mysterious, eerie

(1) a **Gothic** cathedral, (2) **Gothic** novel

The **Gothic** architecture of the cathedral was awe-inspiring.

rocket

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

synonym : projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

fairytale

n. a type of story that typically involves magic, traditional folklore, or fantastical elements; often features talking animals, enchanted objects, and heroic characters who overcome obstacles to achieve their goals

synonym: fable, myth, legend

(1) **fairytale** romance, (2) popular **fairytale**

The children's book was a **fairytale** about a princess and her journey to find true love.

blackbird

n. a medium-sized, mostly black bird that is native to Europe and North America, which is a popular subject in literature, poetry, and folklore

synonym: thrush, songbird, merl

(1) flock of **blackbirds**, (2) shy **blackbird**

The **blackbird's** sweet song filled the air and brought peace to the garden.

beanstalk

n. a tall stem or stalk of a bean plant, typically grown for its edible beans, sometimes used in the context of fairy tales or folklore to describe an impossibly tall plant

synonym: climbing plant, vine, creeper

(1) giant **beanstalk**, (2) fairy tale **beanstalk**

Jack climbed the **beanstalk** to reach the giant's castle in the clouds.

unskilled

adj. lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise

synonym: inexperienced, untrained, amateur

(1) **unskilled** salesperson, (2) **unskilled** job

The **unskilled** worker struggled to keep up with the fast-paced manufacturing job.

charm

n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

synonym: allure, appeal, beauty

(1) masculine **charm**, (2) **charm** against bad luck

These are significantly more exquisite than typical **charm**

bracelets.

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

weld

v. to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse

synonym: fuse, join, bond

(1) **weld** a team of such people, (2) **weld** two broken pipes

He learned how to **weld** metal in his high school shop class.

garbage

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

synonym: waste, trash, debris

(1) **garbage** collection, (2) lump of **garbage**

The **garbage** truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

disciplinary

adj. of or relating to the punishment of people who break the rules; of or relating to a specific field of academic study

synonym: corrective, punitive, instructive

(1) **disciplinary** action, (2) take **disciplinary** measures

The school's **disciplinary** committee met to discuss the student's behavior.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

grove

n. a small group of trees growing closely together
synonym: copse, thicket, underbrush

(1) a bamboo **grove**, (2) citrus **grove**

They walked through the **grove** of trees and admired the natural beauty.

origami

n. the Japanese art or practice of folding paper into decorative shapes and figures

synonym: paper folding, paper art

(1) **origami** paper, (2) **origami** art

I love making **origami** cranes during my free time.

mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

synonym: fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

yurt

n. (also "ger") a circular tent of felt or skins on a collapsible framework used by nomads in the steppes of central

Asia

synonym: tent, nomad dwelling, circular tent

(1) a Mongolian **yurt**, (2) **yurt** home

The nomads lived in **yurts** while they traveled through the desert.

rhythm

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

synonym: beat, cadence, tempo

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

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

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym: ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym: ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

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.

gatekeeper

n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

synonym: guardian, watchman, custodian

(1) **gatekeeper** role, (2) information **gatekeeper**

The company's **gatekeeper screened** all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.

placard

n. a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement

synonym: poster, sign, billboard

(1) **placard** campaign, (2) warning **placard**

The protesters held a **placard** with their political message.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

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

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

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym: skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

sturdy

adj. physically strong and not easily damaged

synonym: tough, bulky, inflexible

(1) **sturdy** frame, (2) **sturdy** young athletes
The vehicle is **sturdy** enough to handle rough terrain.

imp

n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

synonym: demon, sprite, mischievous child

(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**

The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.

extended

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

synonym: extensive, prolonged, elongated

(1) **extended** vacation, (2) **extended** payment

The **extended** airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym: dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

display

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

synonym: show, exhibit, present

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

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

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym: shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**
He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

jack

n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

synonym : lever, crank, wrench

(1) a **jack** of all trades, (2) a line-in **jack**

He used a **jack** to lift the car to change the tire.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

synonym : calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

accident

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

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

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

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

makeshift

adj. serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised

synonym : improvised, temporary, ad-hoc

(1) **makeshift** shelter, (2) a **makeshift** solution

The team set up a **makeshift** tent for shelter during the storm.

memorial

n. a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event

synonym : monument, remembrance, tribute

(1) **memorial** address, (2) **memorial** park

The war **memorial** stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our ancestors.

magnificent

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

synonym : splendid, brilliant, exquisite

(1) a **magnificent** plan, (2) a **magnificent** mountain
The **magnificent** scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym: ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

blanket

n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

synonym: cover, coverlet, bedspread

(1) **blanket** authority, (2) **blanket** scarf

The electric **blanket** keeps me warm on cold nights.

forgiveness

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

synonym : pardon, amnesty, compassion

(1) **forgiveness** of liabilities, (2) beg for **forgiveness**

He gained debt **forgiveness**.

crayon

n. a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

synonym : chalk, pastel, (verb) draw

(1) **crayon** drawing, (2) **crayon** her coloring books

The teacher handed out several different colored **crayons** to each student.

testament

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

synonym : proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

overpower

v. to conquer or establish complete control over someone by using superior strength

synonym : overwhelm, conquer, surpass

(1) **overpower** the suspect, (2) **overpower** the opponent

The shooter was eventually **overpowered** and arrested by police.

indescribable

adj. not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language

synonym : uncommunicable, indefinable, unutterable

(1) **indescribable** horror, (2) **indescribable** experience

The beauty of the sunset was **indescribable**, leaving me in awe of its splendor.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

refined

adj. made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

synonym : cultured, purified, tasteful

(1) adopt a **refined** attitude, (2) a lot of **refined** sugar

She was highly **refined** in her choice of apparel.

viable

adj. capable of being done as intended; able to succeed

synonym : feasible, possible, attainable

(1) achieve a **viable** relationship, (2) develop a **viable** therapy

Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more **viable**.

authentic

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

synonym : genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym: hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym: skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

feat

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

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

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

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

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

cathedral

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

synonym: church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

Session 2: Spelling

1. teaching of Ch___t
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
2. com_____ty theory
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
3. fu_____l a contract
v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
4. set a t__p
n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
5. t_y store
n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
6. se_____te cream from milk
v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
7. a civil en_____er
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
8. di_____ar after a week
v. to cease to exist or be visible
9. ar_____k conservation
n. the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
10. masculine ch__m
n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

ANSWERS: 1. Christ, 2. complexity, 3. fulfill, 4. trap, 5. toy, 6. separate, 7. engineer, 8. disappear, 9. artwork, 10. charm

11. a Go___c cathedral *adj.* of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries
12. cultural and ar____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
13. r__r for more *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
14. open to int_____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
15. st___y frame *adj.* physically strong and not easily damaged
16. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
17. re____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
18. Go___c novel *adj.* of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries
19. vi_____ly identical *adv.* almost completely
20. sp_____l distribution *adj.* of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things
21. sk_____on hand *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant

ANSWERS: 11. Gothic, 12. artistic, 13. roar, 14. interpretation, 15. sturdy, 16. amazing, 17. redefine, 18. Gothic, 19. virtually, 20. spatial, 21. skeleton

22. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
23. ge_____e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
24. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
25. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
26. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
27. it is un_____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
28. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
29. a tour guide at the te____e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
30. th____e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
31. ro____t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
32. b__m of light *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

ANSWERS: 22. comfort, 23. gesture, 24. participate, 25. critic, 26. display, 27. unlikely, 28. transport, 29. temple, 30. thrive, 31. rocket, 32. beam

33. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
34. a medical ins_____ion *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
35. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
36. begin to pe__r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
37. online au_____n *n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding
38. un_____ed job *adj.* lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise
39. the steel sk_____on of a building *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
40. hand ge_____e *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
41. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 33. grace, 34. installation, 35. shell, 36. peter, 37. auction, 38. unskilled, 39. skeleton, 40. gesture, 41. structure

42. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
43. fl____r every two seconds *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
44. ae____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
45. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
46. ch____l bell *n.* a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship
47. series of exp____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
48. a weak pu__e *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
49. y__t home *n.* (also "ger") a circular tent of felt or skins on a collapsible framework used by nomads in the steppes of central Asia
50. ins____ion fee *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
51. inc____gly become common *adv.* more and more
52. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 42. communal, 43. flicker, 44. aesthetic, 45. obvious, 46. chapel, 47. experiment, 48. pulse, 49. yurt, 50. installation, 51. increasingly, 52. movement

53. di____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
54. a j__k of all trades *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
55. bu____g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat
56. a ch____l royal *n.* a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship
57. r__r with laughter *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
58. r__e against the politician *v.* to talk in a noisy, excited, or uncontrolled manner; to praise someone or something enthusiastically
59. popular fa____le *n.* a type of story that typically involves magic, traditional folklore, or fantastical elements; often features talking animals, enchanted objects, and heroic characters who overcome obstacles to achieve their goals
60. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
61. re____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 53. digital, 54. jack, 55. burning, 56. chapel, 57. roar, 58. rave, 59. fairytale, 60. labor, 61. redefine

62. banner he____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
63. ga____e collection *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
64. cr__e construction *n.* a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook
65. co____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
66. th__p on the back *v.* to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully
67. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
68. face inc____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
69. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
70. afraid to show em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
71. citrus gr__e *n.* a small group of trees growing closely together
72. beg for for____ss *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

ANSWERS: 62. headline, 63. garbage, 64. crane, 65. comfort, 66. thump, 67. temple, 68. increasingly, 69. toy, 70. emotion, 71. grove, 72. forgiveness

73. us____s in the kitchen *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
74. ac____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
75. in____e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
76. ca____al school *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
77. sardonic hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
78. giant be____lk *n.* a tall stem or stalk of a bean plant, typically grown for its edible beans, sometimes used in the context of fairy tales or folklore to describe an impossibly tall plant
79. st____ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
80. mo____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 73. useless, 74. achieve, 75. invite, 76. cathedral, 77. humor, 78. beanstalk, 79. stimming, 80. movement

81. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
82. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
83. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
84. bl_____t scarf *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
85. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
86. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
87. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
88. w__d a team of such people *v.* to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse
89. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
90. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
91. the sets were meticulously
au_____ic *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
92. bl_____t authority *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

ANSWERS: 81. critic, 82. optimistic, 83. communal, 84. blanket, 85. fascinate, 86. tremendous, 87. curiosity, 88. weld, 89. encounter, 90. roam, 91. authentic, 92. blanket

93. common in _____ on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
94. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
95. 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
96. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
97. su_____e ignorance *adj.* of such excellence, grandeur, or beauty as to inspire great admiration or awe
98. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
99. midst of ch__s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
100. mon_____al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
101. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
102. give properties by te_____nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
103. ma_____ft shelter *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
104. cu___e an art website *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

ANSWERS: 93. invention, 94. giant, 95. label, 96. bound, 97. sublime, 98. commerce, 99. chaos, 100. monumental, 101. ridiculous, 102. testament, 103. makeshift, 104. curate

105. military enc_____nt *n.* a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes
106. sw__r a blue streak *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
107. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
108. bombs fell at ra____m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
109. ch__m against bad luck *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
110. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
111. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
112. geographical bo_____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
113. right to col_____ve bargaining *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
114. ov_____er the opponent *v.* to conquer or establish complete control over someone by using superior strength
115. pi_____m site *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

ANSWERS: 105. encampment, 106. swear, 107. engineer, 108. random, 109. charm, 110. tremendous, 111. feat, 112. boundary, 113. collective, 114. overpower, 115. pilgrim

116. cause an ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
117. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
118. information gat_____er *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
119. business ho____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
120. a di____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
121. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
122. l__e prey *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
123. the bo____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

ANSWERS: 116. accident, 117. invite, 118. gatekeeper, 119. horizon, 120. digital, 121. compel, 122. lure, 123. boundary

124. the story is bi____e *adj.* very strange or unusual
125. re____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
126. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
127. ma____us performance *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
128. small ch____h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
129. pre____us job *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
130. global con____sm *n.* a cultural and economic ideology that places a high value on the consumption and acquisition of goods and services, often associating personal identity or success with material possessions
131. pre____us financial situation *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
132. LED-em____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
133. me____al address *n.* a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event

ANSWERS: 124. bizarre, 125. religion, 126. Christ, 127. marvelous, 128. church, 129. precarious, 130. consumerism, 131. precarious, 132. embedded, 133. memorial

134. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
135. mu_____om spores *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
136. early pi_____rs *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
137. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
138. fa_____le romance *n.* a type of story that typically involves magic, traditional folklore, or fantastical elements; often features talking animals, enchanted objects, and heroic characters who overcome obstacles to achieve their goals
139. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
140. ch__r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
141. ex_____ed payment *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
142. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
143. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
144. ca___y layer *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

ANSWERS: 134. church, 135. mushroom, 136. pioneer, 137. curiosity, 138. fairytale, 139. architecture, 140. cheer, 141. extended, 142. emotional, 143. enormous, 144. canopy

145. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
146. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
147. a bamboo gr__e *n.* a small group of trees growing closely together
148. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
149. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
150. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
151. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
152. a mag_____nt plan *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
153. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
154. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
155. a sw__m of mosquitoes *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
156. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
157. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

ANSWERS: 145. studio, 146. fascinate, 147. grove, 148. cynical, 149. trap, 150. contemporary, 151. engaging, 152. magnificent, 153. bound, 154. imaginary, 155. swarm, 156. suppose, 157. ridiculous

158. an_____st group *n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary
159. a zi___g line *adj.* having short sharp turns or angles
160. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
161. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
162. su_____e beauty *adj.* of such excellence, grandeur, or beauty as to inspire great admiration or awe
163. exh_____on opening *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
164. au_____n house *n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding
165. an en_____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
166. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
167. wa___r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
168. oasis in the de___t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
169. an_____st terrorism *n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary

ANSWERS: 158. anarchist, 159. zigzag, 160. optimistic, 161. random, 162. sublime, 163. exhibition, 164. auction, 165. engaging, 166. enormous, 167. wander, 168. desert, 169. anarchist

170. he_____ne article	<i>n.</i> a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
171. wi_____nd pressure	<i>v.</i> to resist the effect or impact of something
172. vi_____ly all countries	<i>adv.</i> almost completely
173. anti-con_____sm movement	<i>n.</i> a cultural and economic ideology that places a high value on the consumption and acquisition of goods and services, often associating personal identity or success with material possessions
174. the ne_____ty of the concrete measure	<i>n.</i> the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable
175. the int_____ion of history	<i>n.</i> an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
176. us_____s information	<i>adj.</i> not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
177. r__m the countryside	<i>v.</i> to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
178. zi___g sewing machine	<i>adj.</i> having short sharp turns or angles
179. int_____on among human beings	<i>n.</i> the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
180. par_____te fully in conversation	<i>v.</i> to take part in something
181. freedom of re_____on	<i>n.</i> a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
182. tr___c love stories	<i>adj.</i> causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

ANSWERS: 170. headline, 171. withstand, 172. virtually, 173. consumerism, 174. necessity, 175. interpretation, 176. useless, 177. roam, 178. zigzag, 179. interaction, 180. participate, 181. religion, 182. tragic

183. warning pl_____d *n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement
184. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
185. act of au_____ty *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
186. bu_____g desire *adj.* intense or scorching heat
187. ab____d storyline *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
188. th__p a blistering shot *v.* to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully
189. sw__r an oath *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
190. irregular heart rh____m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
191. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
192. col_____ve ownership *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
193. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
194. achieve a vi____e relationship *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed

ANSWERS: 183. placard, 184. structure, 185. audacity, 186. burning, 187. absurd, 188. thump, 189. swear, 190. rhythm, 191. essentially, 192. collective, 193. experiment, 194. viable

195. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
196. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
197. an au_____ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
198. an ab___d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
199. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
200. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
201. shy bl_____rd *n.* a medium-sized, mostly black bird that is native to Europe and North America, which is a popular subject in literature, poetry, and folklore
202. perpetual cu___e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
203. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
204. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
205. fl_____r out like a candle *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light

ANSWERS: 195. craft, 196. commerce, 197. authentic, 198. absurd, 199. invention, 200. attempt, 201. blackbird, 202. curate, 203. accident, 204. contemporary, 205. flicker

206. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
207. twinkling fi_____nt *n.* the heavens or sky, especially as seen from a particular point on earth; the expanse or canopy of space considered by ancient astronomers to be a solid sphere upon which the stars, planets, and other celestial bodies were situated
208. answer co_____ss questions *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
209. behave like an i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
210. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
211. ch__r me up *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
212. r__e myself hoarse *v.* to talk in a noisy, excited, or uncontrolled manner; to praise someone or something enthusiastically
213. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
214. adopt a re_____d attitude *adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
215. act as a pi_____r *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

ANSWERS: 206. horizon, 207. firmament, 208. countless, 209. imp, 210. nowhere, 211. cheer, 212. rave, 213. studio, 214. refined, 215. pioneer

216. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
217. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
218. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
219. or_____i art *n.* the Japanese art or practice of folding paper into decorative shapes and figures
220. st___y young athletes *adj.* physically strong and not easily damaged
221. w__d two broken pipes *v.* to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse
222. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
223. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
224. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
225. cy_____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
226. ancient ar_____k *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
227. un_____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen

ANSWERS: 216. innovation, 217. collaborate, 218. aim, 219. origami, 220. sturdy, 221. weld, 222. collaborate, 223. aesthetic, 224. desert, 225. cynical, 226. artwork, 227. unlikely

228. su____l number *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
229. int____ve experience *adj.* acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
230. celestial fi____nt *n.* the heavens or sky, especially as seen from a particular point on earth; the expanse or canopy of space considered by ancient astronomers to be a solid sphere upon which the stars, planets, and other celestial bodies were situated
231. a personal exh____on *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
232. mon____al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
233. develop a vi____e therapy *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
234. locust sw__m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
235. mu____t animal *n.* an organism that has characteristics resulting from a mutation (= alteration in the nucleic acid sequence of the genome)
236. bi____e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
237. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
238. no____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

ANSWERS: 228. surreal, 229. interactive, 230. firmament, 231. exhibition, 232. monumental, 233. viable, 234. swarm, 235. mutant, 236. bizarre, 237. craft, 238. nowhere

239. ind_____ble horror *adj.* not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language
240. autistic st_____ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
241. irr_____nt comment *adj.* lacking proper respect or seriousness, often in a lighthearted or humorous manner; not showing reverence or deference to established authority or tradition
242. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
243. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
244. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
245. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
246. a mag_____nt mountain *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
247. take dis_____ary measures *adj.* of or relating to the punishment of people who break the rules; of or relating to a specific field of academic study

ANSWERS: 239. indescribable, 240. stimming, 241. irreverent, 242. achieve, 243. obvious, 244. separate, 245. essentially, 246. magnificent, 247. disciplinary

248. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
249. mu____t Omicron strain *n.* an organism that has characteristics resulting from a mutation (= alteration in the nucleic acid sequence of the genome)
250. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
251. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
252. a structural b__m of a building *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
253. wi_____nd temptation *v.* to resist the effect or impact of something
254. fairy tale be_____lk *n.* a tall stem or stalk of a bean plant, typically grown for its edible beans, sometimes used in the context of fairy tales or folklore to describe an impossibly tall plant
255. a ma_____ft solution *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
256. gat_____er role *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

ANSWERS: 248. attempt, 249. mutant, 250. develop, 251. aim, 252. beam, 253. withstand, 254. beanstalk, 255. makeshift, 256. gatekeeper

257. wa___r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
258. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
259. au_____ty of hope *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
260. cr___n drawing *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
261. sp_____l ability *adj.* of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things
262. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
263. lump of ga_____e *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
264. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
265. dis_____ary action *adj.* of or relating to the punishment of people who break the rules; of or relating to a specific field of academic study

ANSWERS: 257. wander, 258. transport, 259. audacity, 260. crayon, 261. spatial, 262. encounter, 263. garbage, 264. feat, 265. disciplinary

266. control my em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
267. in____te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
268. vitreous hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
269. da____ht hours *n.* the natural light produced by the sun during the day, especially in contrast to artificial light or darkness
270. br____l honesty *adj.* harsh or cruel
271. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
272. in great ne____ty *n.* the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable
273. co____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
274. a Mongolian y__t *n.* (also "ger") a circular tent of felt or skins on a collapsible framework used by nomads in the steppes of central Asia
275. mu____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
276. the int____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

ANSWERS: 266. emotion, 267. intimate, 268. humor, 269. daylight, 270. brutal, 271. labor, 272. necessity, 273. countless, 274. yurt, 275. mushroom, 276. interaction

277. an int_____ve device *adj.* acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
278. pu__e waves *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
279. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
280. a little i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
281. cr__e operator *n.* a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook
282. a lot of re_____d sugar *adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
283. pl_____d campaign *n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement
284. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
285. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
286. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
287. under a ca___y of smoke *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

ANSWERS: 277. interactive, 278. pulse, 279. typical, 280. imp, 281. crane, 282. refined, 283. placard, 284. universal, 285. eventually, 286. typical, 287. canopy

288. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
289. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
290. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
291. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
292. tr___c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
293. ex_____ed vacation *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
294. shrine for pi_____ms *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
295. ca_____al choir *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
296. te_____nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
297. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
298. ov_____er the suspect *v.* to conquer or establish complete control over someone by using superior strength
299. eventually pe__r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
300. dis_____ve ability *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

ANSWERS: 288. imaginary, 289. disappear, 290. suppose, 291. compel, 292. tragic, 293. extended, 294. pilgrim, 295. cathedral, 296. testament, 297. shell, 298. overpower, 299. peter, 300. distinctive

301. ma_____us power *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
302. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
303. end of the gr__e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
304. ch__s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
305. fu_____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
306. flock of bl_____rds *n.* a medium-sized, mostly black bird that is native to Europe and North America, which is a popular subject in literature, poetry, and folklore
307. irr_____nt attitude *adj.* lacking proper respect or seriousness, often in a lighthearted or humorous manner; not showing reverence or deference to established authority or tradition
308. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 301. marvelous, 302. innovation, 303. grace, 304. chaos, 305. fulfill, 306. blackbird, 307. irreverent, 308. develop

309. br___l bully	<i>adj.</i> harsh or cruel
310. design to be dis_____ve	<i>adj.</i> having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
311. in samba rh___m	<i>n.</i> a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
312. eve_____ly become obsolete	<i>adv.</i> finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
313. for_____ss of liabilities	<i>n.</i> the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
314. or_____i paper	<i>n.</i> the Japanese art or practice of folding paper into decorative shapes and figures
315. me_____al park	<i>n.</i> a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event
316. arc_____ure design	<i>n.</i> the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
317. th___e on pressure	<i>v.</i> to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
318. em_____al health	<i>adj.</i> relating to people's feelings
319. ind_____ble experience	<i>adj.</i> not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language
320. natural da_____ht	<i>n.</i> the natural light produced by the sun during the day, especially in contrast to artificial light or darkness

ANSWERS: 309. brutal, 310. distinctive, 311. rhythm, 312. eventually, 313. forgiveness, 314. origami, 315. memorial, 316. architecture, 317. thrive, 318. emotional, 319. indescribable, 320. daylight

321. di____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
322. un_____ed salesperson *adj.* lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise
323. su_____l art *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
324. my in_____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
325. l__e foreign investment *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
326. 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
327. ro___t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
328. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
329. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
330. cr___n her coloring books *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

ANSWERS: 321. display, 322. unskilled, 323. surreal, 324. intimate, 325. lure, 326. label, 327. rocket, 328. giant, 329. amazing, 330. crayon

331. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
332. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
333. temporary enc_____nt *n.* a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes
334. em_____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
335. a line-in j__k *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
336. an ar_____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

ANSWERS: 331. universal, 332. complexity, 333. encampment, 334. embedded, 335. jack, 336. artistic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The fireflies _____ in the darkness.
v. to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
2. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
3. The _____ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.
adj. longer than usual or anticipated
4. Autistic children may engage in _____ behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.
n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
5. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.
adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
6. The truth was more _____ than expected.
adj. very strange or unusual
7. They walked through the _____ of trees and admired the natural beauty.
n. a small group of trees growing closely together
8. The nomads lived in _____ while they traveled through the desert.
n. (also "ger") a circular tent of felt or skins on a collapsible framework used by nomads in the steppes of central Asia

ANSWERS: 1. flickered, 2. headline, 3. extended, 4. stimming, 5. tragic, 6. bizarre, 7. grove, 8. yurts

9. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.
v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
10. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
11. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
12. The company's _____ all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.
n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
13. The art museum is hosting an _____ of contemporary paintings next month.
n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
14. We had a _____ time yesterday.
adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
15. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
16. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

ANSWERS: 9. cheered, 10. complexity, 11. emotions, 12. gatekeeper screened, 13. exhibition, 14. tremendous, 15. eventually, 16. collaborate

17. The rise of _____ has led to an increase in wastefulness and environmental damage.
- n.* a cultural and economic ideology that places a high value on the consumption and acquisition of goods and services, often associating personal identity or success with material possessions
18. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
- adv.* more and more
19. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.
- adj.* intense or scorching heat
20. The comedian's _____ jokes about religion offended some members of the audience.
- adj.* lacking proper respect or seriousness, often in a lighthearted or humorous manner; not showing reverence or deference to established authority or tradition
21. My wife seems to be in ill _____.
- n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
22. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
23. The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your _____.
- n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

ANSWERS: 17. consumerism, 18. increasingly, 19. burning, 20. irreverent, 21. humor, 22. transportation, 23. pulse

24. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
25. The biologist thinks this _____ gene links to cancer.
- n.* an organism that has characteristics resulting from a mutation (= alteration in the nucleic acid sequence of the genome)
26. You can rant and _____ at the arrest, but you'll still have to accept it.
- v.* to talk in a noisy, excited, or uncontrolled manner; to praise someone or something enthusiastically
27. The new phone is waterproof and can _____ being dropped in water.
- v.* to resist the effect or impact of something
28. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.
- adj.* harsh or cruel
29. The _____ stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.
- n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
30. _____ all the parties signed the contract.
- adv.* almost completely
31. These are significantly more exquisite than typical _____ bracelets.
- n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
32. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
- adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

ANSWERS: 24. invention, 25. mutant, 26. rave, 27. withstand, 28. brutal, 29. cathedral's, 30. Virtually, 31. charm, 32. ridiculous

33. I love to _____ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

34. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

35. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.

adj. belonging to the same or present time

36. Product development is a _____ effort.

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

37. The view of the city skyline from the top of the building looked amazing in the _____.

n. the natural light produced by the sun during the day, especially in contrast to artificial light or darkness

38. The shooter was eventually _____ and arrested by police.

v. to conquer or establish complete control over someone by using superior strength

39. The forest's _____ provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

n. a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

40. He learned how to _____ metal in his high school shop class.

v. to join two or more pieces of metal together by heating their edges until they melt and fuse

ANSWERS: 33. roam, 34. typical, 35. Contemporary, 36. collective, 37. daylight, 38. overpowered, 39. canopy, 40. weld

41. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.
n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
42. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's _____ contributions to physics.
adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
43. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
44. 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
45. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.
adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
46. His _____ of literary works are often unique.
n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
47. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.
adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
48. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.
adj. too numerous to be counted or very many
49. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.
adj. having a very close friendship, personal

ANSWERS: 41. shell, 42. monumental, 43. experiments, 44. label, 45. optimistic, 46. interpretations, 47. artistic, 48. countless, 49. intimate

50. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

51. The passage of the bill is _____.

- adj.* not probable or likely to happen

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

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

53. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

- v.* to take part in something

54. The music just _____ out.

- v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

55. Canada _____ on the United States.

- v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

56. The antique furniture was sold at _____ for a high price.

- n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding

57. The protesters held a _____ with their political message.

- n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement

ANSWERS: 50. Christmas, 51. unlikely, 52. develop, 53. participated, 54. petered, 55. bounds, 56. auction, 57. placard

58. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

59. He gave his daughter a new ____ for her birthday.

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

60. We ____ for an overseas expansion.

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

61. The vehicle is _____ enough to handle rough terrain.

adj. physically strong and not easily damaged

62. He carefully determined the _____ relations of every piece of the stage set.

adj. of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things

63. The construction workers used a _____ to lift the heavy beams.

n. a large, tall machine used for moving heavy objects by suspending them from a beam or hook

64. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

65. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

66. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

ANSWERS: 58. aesthetic, 59. toy, 60. aim, 61. sturdy, 62. spatial, 63. crane, 64. disappear, 65. cynical, 66. boundary

67. The school's _____ committee met to discuss the student's behavior.
adj. of or relating to the punishment of people who break the rules; of or relating to a specific field of academic study
68. The view from the top of the mountain was _____.
adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
69. The teacher handed out several different colored _____ to each student.
n. a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
70. The _____ scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.
adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
71. The war _____ stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our ancestors.
n. a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event
72. I heard someone _____ on the door, and when I opened it, no one was there.
v. to strike or hit heavily or repeatedly, often with a dull, resonating sound; to pound or beat forcefully
73. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
74. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

ANSWERS: 67. disciplinary, 68. marvelous, 69. crayons, 70. magnificent, 71. memorial, 72. thump, 73. Communal, 74. commerce

75. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
- v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
76. The mischievous ____ caused trouble wherever it went.
- n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
77. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
78. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.
- v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
79. He emphasized the _____ of immediate action.
- n.* the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable
80. The event pretty much converted him from his _____ views.
- n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary
81. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
- n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
82. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
- n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 75. display, 76. imp, 77. structure, 78. compel, 79. necessity, 80. anarchist, 81. architecture, 82. accident

83. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something
84. The team set up a _____ tent for shelter during the storm.
adj. serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
85. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.
v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
86. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.
n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
87. I love making _____ cranes during my free time.
n. the Japanese art or practice of folding paper into decorative shapes and figures
88. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
89. The _____ of soldiers in the field was a temporary arrangement.
n. a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes
90. She was highly _____ in her choice of apparel.
adj. made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
91. The third _____ was far more successful.
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

ANSWERS: 83. embedded, 84. makeshift, 85. wander, 86. pioneer, 87. origami, 88. horizon, 89. encampment, 90. refined, 91. attempt

92. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
93. The group of _____ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.
- n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
94. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.
- n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
95. The sun's _____ shone through the window and illuminated the room.
- n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
96. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
97. The old, rusty tools were now _____ and had to be thrown away.
- adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
98. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
99. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.
- v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 92. achieve, 93. pilgrims, 94. craft, 95. beam, 96. critics, 97. useless, 98. engineer, 99. redefined

100. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

101. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

102. The stages of the play were meticulously _____

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

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

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

104. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

105. She made a facial _____ to express disagreement.

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

106. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

107. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

108. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

109. She had a _____ hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

adj. not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

ANSWERS: 100. giant, 101. Essentially, 102. authentic, 103. suppose, 104. comfort, 105. gesture, 106. amazing, 107. absurd, 108. curiosity, 109. precarious

110. The electric _____ keeps me warm on cold nights.

n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

111. The _____ sweet song filled the air and brought peace to the garden.

n. a medium-sized, mostly black bird that is native to Europe and North America, which is a popular subject in literature, poetry, and folklore

112. Without investment, a business cannot _____.

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

113. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

114. The _____ architecture of the cathedral was awe-inspiring.

adj. of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries

115. His writing style was _____ with a clear and concise voice.

adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

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

adj. acting reciprocally; mutually responsive

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 110. blanket, 111. blackbird's, 112. thrive, 113. engaging, 114. Gothic, 115. distinctive, 116. interactive, 117. obvious

118. The spacious _____ was a peaceful sanctuary for the couple to exchange their vows.

n. a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship

119. I _____ I didn't mean to break your vase.

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

120. The art museum has hired a _____ to select and display pieces from its collection.

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

121. A _____ of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

122. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

123. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

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

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

125. Scientists studied the ancient _____ to learn more about the creature's anatomy.

n. the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant

ANSWERS: 118. chapel, 119. swear, 120. curate, 121. swarm, 122. roared, 123. imaginary, 124. religion, 125. skeleton

126. The children's book was a _____ about a princess and her journey to find true love.

- n.* a type of story that typically involves magic, traditional folklore, or fantastical elements; often features talking animals, enchanted objects, and heroic characters who overcome obstacles to achieve their goals

127. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.

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

128. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.

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

129. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

130. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

131. The Queen attested the _____ of state ministers to their portfolios.

- n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

132. The view from the mountaintop was genuinely _____.

- adj.* of such excellence, grandeur, or beauty as to inspire great admiration or awe

ANSWERS: 126. fairytale, 127. grace, 128. rhythm, 129. encounter, 130. innovation, 131. installation, 132. sublime

133. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

134. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

135. The _____ worker struggled to keep up with the fast-paced manufacturing job.

adj. lacking the knowledge, training, or specialized skills required for a particular job or task; not having developed or cultivated a particular ability or expertise

136. He gained debt _____.

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

137. The enemy fell right into the _____.

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

138. The _____ truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

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

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

140. The beauty of the sunset was _____ leaving me in awe of its splendor.

adj. not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language

ANSWERS: 133. labor, 134. universal, 135. unskilled, 136. forgiveness, 137. trap, 138. garbage, 139. movement, 140. indescribable,

141. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

142. The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a _____ feel.

adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

143. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

144. Videos documenting the process of creating this pencil _____ have been popular worldwide.

n. the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.

145. The stars in the _____ shone brightly on a clear night.

n. the heavens or sky, especially as seen from a particular point on earth; the expanse or canopy of space considered by ancient astronomers to be a solid sphere upon which the stars, planets, and other celestial bodies were situated

146. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

147. This region is predominantly _____.

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

148. The salesperson used a special offer to _____ customers into buying the product.

v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something

ANSWERS: 141. random, 142. surreal, 143. nowhere, 144. artwork, 145. firmament, 146. emotional, 147. desert, 148. lure

149. Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more _____.

adj. capable of being done as intended; able to succeed

150. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

151. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

152. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

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

153. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

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

154. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

155. He used a _____ to lift the car to change the tire.

n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

156. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

ANSWERS: 149. viable, 150. temple, 151. chaos, 152. feat, 153. invite, 154. interaction, 155. jack, 156. rocket

157. The magic tricks _____ the children.

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

158. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.

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

159. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

160. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

161. The _____ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

162. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

163. 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

164. Jack climbed the _____ to reach the giant's castle in the clouds.

n. a tall stem or stalk of a bean plant, typically grown for its edible beans, sometimes used in the context of fairy tales or folklore to describe an impossibly tall plant

ANSWERS: 157. fascinated, 158. fulfilled, 159. studio, 160. enormous, 161. mushroom, 162. church, 163. separate, 164. beanstalk

165. His wealth is a _____ to his success.

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

166. We had to go through a _____ course.

adj. having short sharp turns or angles

167. His _____ in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.

n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

168. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 165. testament, 166. zigzag, 167. audacity, 168. digital