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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

- pity**
- n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
- synonym*: sympathy, compassion, mercy
- (1) allow self- **pity**, (2) **pity** speech
- It is a **pity** that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.
- discovery**
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
- synonym*: finding, uncovering, detection
- (1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century
- Her research team made an important **discovery**.
- galaxy**
- n.* an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity
- synonym*: star cluster, nebula, star system
- (1) elliptic **galaxy**, (2) a **galaxy** of famous actors
- The Milky Way **galaxy** has numerous water-bearing planets.

## daunting

*adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

*synonym* : intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task  
My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

## consist

*v.* to be composed or made up of

*synonym* : lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts  
This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

## entirely

*adv.* completely

*synonym* : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

## complain

*v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

*synonym* : gripe, claim, denounce

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

## difficulty

*n.* a condition or state that causes problems

*synonym* : hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing  
He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

## creative

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

*synonym* : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his

subordinates more **creative**.

## process

*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

## fluent

*adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

*synonym* : eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

## decipher

*v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way

*synonym* : interpret, decode, translate

(1) **decipher** code, (2) **decipher** message

He spent hours trying to **decipher** the ancient text.

## intellect

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym* : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## 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.

## communicate

*v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

*synonym* : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

## efficient

*adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

*synonym* : productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

## represent

*v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

*synonym* : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

## diploma

*n.* a document showing the completion of a course of study or a portion of the education program; a course of study at a college or university

*synonym* : credential, certificate, degree

(1) university **diploma**, (2) **diploma** thesis

He completed his high school **diploma** via correspondence courses.

## evoke

*v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

*synonym* : arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

## 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.

## unfamiliar

*adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

*synonym*: unknown, strange, foreign

(1) the **unfamiliar** surroundings, (2) around **unfamiliar** people

She was **unfamiliar** with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

## relief

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

*synonym*: remedy, consolation, alleviation

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

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

## slight

*adj.* very small in degree or amount

*synonym*: feeble, nuanced, subtle

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

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

## uneasy

*adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

*synonym*: anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

## downright

*adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

*synonym*: absolute, utter, complete

(1) **downright** nonsense, (2) **downright** impossible

It was a **downright** lie that he would attend the event.

## panic

*n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

*synonym*: confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

## bliss

*n.* extreme happiness or joy

*synonym*: delight, euphoria, happiness

(1) ignorance is **bliss**, (2) ultimate **bliss**

The first two years of her marriage were sheer **bliss**.

## visual

*adj.* relating to seeing or sight

*synonym*: optical, graphical, visible

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

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

## graphic

*adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

*synonym*: illustrative, picturesque, visual

(1) **graphic** design, (2) a **graphic** description of an accident

The **graphic** novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

## icon

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

*synonym*: figure, hero, idol

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

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

## modern

*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

*synonym*: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

## struggle

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

*synonym*: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

## elbow

*n.* the joint between the upper arm and the lower arm; the bend in a pipe or tube formed at this joint

*synonym*: joint, bend, cubitus

(1) **elbow** bone, (2) **elbow-length** sleeves

She bruised her **elbow** after falling off her bike.

## 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.

## flee

*v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

*synonym*: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

## 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**.

## illustrate

*v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

*synonym*: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

## discomfort

*n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

*synonym*: affliction, despair, ache

(1) endure **discomfort** and pain, (2) **discomfort** in the abdomen

He felt no **discomfort** as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.

## occasionally

*adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often

*synonym*: periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change the routine

She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

## prefer

*v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

*synonym*: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

## complicated

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

*synonym*: complex, convoluted, intricate

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

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

## bogus

*adj.* false or imitation; not genuine

*synonym*: fake, fraudulent, counterfeit



(1) **bogus** excuse, (2) **bogus** charities

He accused the company of using **bogus** advertising claims to sell its products.

## **excuse**

*n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

*synonym*: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

## **snug**

*adj.* comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design

*synonym*: cozy, comfortable, kempt

(1) **snug** blanket, (2) **snug** little house

The baby was fast asleep in his **snug** cot, swaddled in soft, warm blankets.

## **asleep**

*adj.* in a state of sleep

*synonym*: sleeping, fallen, at rest

(1) **asleep** at the wheel, (2) dead **asleep**

He lay down and fell **asleep** immediately.

## **inexplicable**

*adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling

*synonym*: incomprehensible, mysterious, unaccountable

(1) **inexplicable** event, (2) **inexplicable** decision

The reason for his sudden disappearance from work was **inexplicable**.

## **rot**

*v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

*synonym*: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

## helicopter

*n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access

*synonym*: chopper, copter, whirlybird

(1) **helicopter** ride, (2) police **helicopter**

The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via **helicopter** to avoid traffic congestion

## etch

*v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

*synonym*: engrave, inscribe, carve

(1) **etch** a metal plate, (2) **etch** a design into wood

He used a sharp tool to **etch** his initials onto the metal.

## conscious

*adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

*synonym*: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

## 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.

## reaction

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

*synonym*: response, reply, answer

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

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

## incredibly

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

*synonym*: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

## blank

*adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

*synonym*: empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

## concept

*n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

*synonym*: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

## negative

*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

*synonym*: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

## prompt

*v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

*synonym*: actuate, inspire, incite

(1) **prompt** a feeling of hunger, (2) **prompt** a debate

That incident **prompted** a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.

## brain

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

*synonym* : intellect, mind, encephalon

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

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

## void

*n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force

*synonym* : emptiness, vacuity, (adjective) null

(1) **void** of expression, (2) **void** contract

The **void** in her heart was filled with the love of her family.

## owl

*n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call

*synonym* : raptor, bird of prey, nocturnal bird

(1) a night **owl**, (2) an **owl** hooted

The snowy **owl** is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.

## battery

*n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

*synonym* : electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

## nonsensical

*adj.* lacking in sense or meaning; absurd, irrational, or illogical

*synonym* : absurd, illogical, irrational

(1) **nonsensical** idea, (2) **nonsensical** statement

The comedian's jokes could have been more **nonsensical** and confused the audience.

## animate

*v.* to make something full of interest and energy

*synonym* : invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

## trigger

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

*synonym* : activate, spark, drive

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

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

## 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.

## simplicity

*n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

*synonym* : easiness, plainness, modesty

(1) a life of **simplicity**, (2) refined **simplicity**

He liked the car because of the **simplicity** of the design.

## collapse

*v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

*synonym* : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

## abstract

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

*synonym* : conceptual, theoretical, ideational

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

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

## meter

*n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse

*synonym* : gauge, indicator, rhythm

(1) a gas **meter**, (2) poetic **meter**

The **meter** on the wall showed that the room was three meters long.

## symbol

*n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

*synonym*: mark, character, insignia

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

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

## arrow

*n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow

*synonym*: shaft, dart, projectile

(1) **arrow** pointing, (2) **arrow** diagram

The archer aimed his **arrow** carefully at the target.

## degree

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

*synonym*: level, qualification, diploma

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

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

## realistic

*adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

*synonym*: practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

(1) a **realistic** goal, (2) a **realistic** goal

That story was so **realistic**, and it was scary.

## gross

*adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

*synonym*: before tax, total, abhorrent

(1) the **gross** amount, (2) **gross** injustice

The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's **gross** profits.

## storytelling

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym*: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

## daring

*adj.* brave and taking risks

*synonym*: audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

## refer

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

*synonym*: cite, allude, mention

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

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

## 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.

## obscure

*adj.* not well known to many people

*synonym*: esoteric, vague, unrecognized

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

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

## absolutely

*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

*synonym*: completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

## vocabulary

*n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

*synonym* : lexicon, glossary, dictionary

(1) **vocabulary** list, (2) academic **vocabulary**

Using proper **vocabulary** is essential for writing a good essay.

## assume

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

*synonym* : guess, presume, suppose

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

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

## rudimentary

*adj.* relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental

*synonym* : essential, fundamental, elementary

(1) a **rudimentary** plant, (2) **rudimentary** understanding

He has only a **rudimentary** knowledge of this topic.

## appreciate

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

*synonym* : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

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

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

## vase

*n.* a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects

*synonym* : urn, jug, pot

(1) a ceramic **vase**, (2) **vase** pottery

The exquisite **vase** was filled with a bouquet of flowers.

## recurring

*adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly

*synonym* : periodic, constant, frequent

(1) **recurring** payments, (2) **recurring** decimals



A **recurring** back pain interfered with his concentration.

## discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

*synonym*: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

## editorial

*adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

*synonym*: comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

## radical

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

*synonym*: extreme, revolutionary

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

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

## leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

*synonym*: jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

## creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

## frustrate

*v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

*synonym* : hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

## cliche

*n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

*synonym* : truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

## businessperson

*n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

*synonym* : entrepreneur, executive

(1) a young **businessperson**, (2) **businessperson** network

He was a successful **businessperson** and had much experience in the field.

## morph

*v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

*synonym* : alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

## graph

*n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

*synonym* : chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

## decision

*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

*synonym*: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

## literally

*adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

*synonym*: actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**

He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

## earthquake

*n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

*synonym*: seismic activity, tremor, temblor

(1) an **earthquake** zone, (2) an **earthquake-proof**

The violent **earthquake** caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

## tsunami

*n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance

*synonym*: tidal wave, seismic sea wave

(1) **tsunami** warning, (2) **tsunami** relief

The earthquake- **tsunami** caused widespread destruction along the coast.

## classic

*adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

*synonym*: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

## hazmat

*n.* abbreviation of Hazardous Material, referring to substances that pose a risk to human health and the environment

*synonym* : hazardous material, toxic substances

(1) **hazmat** material, (2) **hazmat** incident

The hazardous materials team was called to the scene in their **hazmat** suits.

## suit

*n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

*synonym* : clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

## strike

*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

*synonym* : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

## serene

*adj.* calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries

*synonym* : calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **serene** landscape, (2) a **serene** atmosphere

The **serene** sunset over the ocean was a peaceful sight to behold.

## silent

*adj.* without any or little sound

*synonym* : quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

## catastrophe

*n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

*synonym* : disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

### unfortunately

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

*synonym*: regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

### proverb

*n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

*synonym*: adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

### bulb

*n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

(1) wet- **bulb** thermometer, (2) a lily **bulb**

The light **bulb** has burned out.

### minimal

*adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible

*synonym*: tiniest, essential, minimum

(1) **minimal** effort, (2) **minimal** amount

The process was carried out at **minimal** cost.

### decode

*v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

*synonym*: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

## background

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

*synonym* : ground, experience, backdrop

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

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

## blur

*n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

*synonym* : smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

## upside

*n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

*synonym* : advantage, benefit, top

(1) have no **upside**, (2) market **upside**

Many people see the **upside** of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

## stick

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

*synonym* : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

## traffic

*n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such

movement in a particular place or at a particular time

*synonym* : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

## jam

*n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

*synonym* : difficulty, mess, preserve

(1) a traffic **jam**, (2) a jar of **jam**

The shredder in the print room often has paper **jams**.

## annoying

*adj.* making someone feel slightly angry

*synonym* : aggravating, bothersome, irksome

(1) **annoying** banner ad, (2) **annoying** habit

The phone call is an **annoying** interruption.

## poetic

*adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

*synonym* : literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

## poetry

*n.* poems in general as a genre of literature

*synonym* : ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

## unearth

*v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown

*synonym* : discover, uncover, expose

(1) **unearth** burial mound, (2) **unearth** a mystery

The detective **unearthed** a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.

## scalable

*adj.* capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands

*synonym* : expandable, flexible, adjustable

(1) **scalable** solution, (2) dynamically **scalable**

The company's new software is highly **scalable**, allowing it to handle increasing number of users.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym* : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## 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.

## perspective

*n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

*synonym* : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

## observer

*n.* a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it

*synonym* : spectator, onlooker, watcher

(1) a shrewd **observer**, (2) an **observer** in the region

According to the theory of relativity, time is different for each **observer**.



## sketch

*n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

*synonym* : drawing, outline, blueprint

(1) a penciled **sketch**, (2) first design **sketches**

Yesterday, I created a rough **sketch** of the plan.

## 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.

## preserve

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

*synonym* : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

## inspiration

*n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

*synonym* : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

## magic

*n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

*synonym* : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

## clash

*n.* a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something

*synonym* : blow, conflict, disagreement

(1) a **clash** of viewpoints, (2) a **clash** between the two task forces

Her dress was a disturbing **clash** of colors.

## 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.

## intention

*n.* something you want to do and are going to do

*synonym*: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

## 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.

## inspire

*v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

*synonym*: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

## contribution

*n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

*synonym*: donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

## dialogue

*n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film

*synonym*: conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ability to de\_\_\_e the differences *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
2. the stock market co\_\_\_\_sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
3. un\_\_\_y relationship *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
4. s\_\_g little house *adj.* comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design
5. fr\_\_\_\_\_te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
6. re\_\_\_\_\_ng decimals *adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
7. learn new co\_\_\_\_ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
8. the int\_\_\_\_\_on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
9. a cl\_\_h of viewpoints *n.* a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something
10. give si\_\_\_t consent *adj.* without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 1. decode, 2. collapse, 3. uneasy, 4. snug, 5. frustrate, 6. recurring, 7. concept, 8. interaction, 9. clash, 10. silent

11. a lily b\_\_b *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
12. first design sk\_\_\_hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
13. cultural and ar\_\_\_\_ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
14. ready to co\_\_\_\_se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
15. f\_\_e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
16. allow self-p\_\_y *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
17. a gr\_\_\_\_c description of an accident *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
18. ef\_\_\_\_nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
19. the characters that re\_\_\_\_nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 11. bulb, 12. sketch, 13. artistic, 14. collapse, 15. flee, 16. pity, 17. graphic, 18. efficient, 19. represent

20. an ar\_\_\_\_ic photograph      *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
21. a ceramic v\_\_e      *n.* a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects
22. cat\_\_\_\_\_he risk management      *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
23. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_s      *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
24. age-old cl\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
25. a se\_\_\_e atmosphere      *adj.* calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries
26. trigger a re\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
27. a penciled sk\_\_\_\_h      *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
28. police hel\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access

ANSWERS: 20. artistic, 21. vase, 22. catastrophe, 23. process, 24. cliché, 25. serene, 26. reaction, 27. sketch, 28. helicopter

29. non\_\_\_\_\_al statement *adj.* lacking in sense or meaning; absurd, irrational, or illogical
30. fire st\_\_k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
31. ev\_\_e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
32. do\_\_\_\_\_ht nonsense *adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
33. an ed\_\_\_\_\_al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
34. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
35. call and co\_\_\_\_\_in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
36. source of ins\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
37. an ob\_\_\_\_\_er in the region *n.* a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it
38. sigh of re\_\_\_\_f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

ANSWERS: 29. nonsensical, 30. stick, 31. evoke, 32. downright, 33. editorial, 34. intellect, 35. complain, 36. inspiration, 37. observer, 38. relief

39. a traffic j\_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
40. a gas me\_\_r *n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
41. v\_\_d of expression *n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
42. gr\_\_\_\_c design *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
43. ab\_\_\_\_ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
44. mi\_\_\_\_l effort *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible
45. a hackneyed pr\_\_\_\_b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
46. a dry ba\_\_\_\_y *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
47. ancient pr\_\_\_\_b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
48. dif\_\_\_\_ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems

ANSWERS: 39. jam, 40. meter, 41. void, 42. graphic, 43. abstract, 44. minimal, 45. proverb, 46. battery, 47. proverb, 48. difficulty



49. get ins\_\_\_\_\_on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
50. around unf\_\_\_\_\_ar people *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
51. ba\_\_\_\_\_y charging *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
52. fr\_\_\_\_\_te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
53. market up\_\_\_\_e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
54. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
55. s\_\_t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
56. Platonic di\_\_\_\_\_ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
57. permanent br\_\_n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
58. mi\_\_\_\_\_l amount *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible

ANSWERS: 49. inspiration, 50. unfamiliar, 51. battery, 52. frustrate, 53. upside, 54. creditor, 55. suit, 56. dialogue, 57. brain, 58. minimal

59. an o\_l hooted *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
60. de\_\_\_\_\_er message *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
61. em\_\_\_\_\_al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
62. the cr\_\_\_\_\_or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
63. sy\_\_\_l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
64. avoid climate cat\_\_\_\_\_he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
65. cl\_\_\_e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
66. a re\_\_\_\_\_ic goal *adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
67. an ear\_\_\_\_\_ke-proof *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
68. he was en\_\_\_\_\_ly to blame *adv.* completely
69. barren of cr\_\_\_\_\_ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
70. el\_\_w-length sleeves *n.* the joint between the upper arm and the lower arm; the bend in a pipe or tube formed at this joint

ANSWERS: 59. owl, 60. decipher, 61. emotional, 62. creditor, 63. symbol, 64. catastrophe, 65. cliché, 66. realistic, 67. earthquake, 68. entirely, 69. creative, 70. elbow

71. the per\_\_\_\_\_ve of the battle      *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
72. academic voc\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
73. cr\_\_\_\_\_ve writing      *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
74. have un\_\_\_y eyes      *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
75. energy-ef\_\_\_\_\_nt appliances      *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
76. a young bus\_\_\_\_\_son      *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
77. re\_\_r to a map      *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
78. full of em\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
79. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly against      *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
80. dynamically sc\_\_\_\_\_le      *adj.* capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands

ANSWERS: 71. perspective, 72. vocabulary, 73. creative, 74. uneasy, 75. efficient, 76. businessperson, 77. refer, 78. empathy, 79. absolutely, 80. scalable

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 81. co____t only in knowing facts | <i>v.</i> to be composed or made up of  |
| 82. ar__w diagram                 | <i>n.</i> a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow   |
| 83. an____ng banner ad            | <i>adj.</i> making someone feel slightly angry  |
| 84. principles of un____al design | <i>adj.</i> existing or affecting everywhere or everyone  |
| 85. po___c genius                 | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way |
| 86. bite his tongue li____ly      | <i>adv.</i> in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively  |
| 87. a ma__c spell                 | <i>n.</i> beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers                           |
| 88. an____e the body              | <i>v.</i> to make something full of interest and energy   |
| 89. b__r image                    | <i>n.</i> a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision                               |
| 90. int____on among human beings  | <i>n.</i> the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them  |
| 91. book of po___y                | <i>n.</i> poems in general as a genre of literature   |

ANSWERS: 81. consist, 82. arrow, 83. annoying, 84. universal, 85. poetic, 86. literally, 87. magic, 88. animate, 89. blur, 90. interaction, 91. poetry

92. mo\_\_h into a different shape      *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
93. sy\_\_\_l color      *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
94. pr\_\_\_\_ve a country's heritage      *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
95. a jar of j\_m      *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
96. a ra\_\_\_\_l cure      *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
97. as\_\_\_p at the wheel      *adj.* in a state of sleep
98. re\_\_r to a book      *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
99. field of vi\_\_\_l arts      *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
100. occ\_\_\_\_\_lly change the routine      *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
101. de\_\_\_e a message      *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
102. con\_\_\_\_\_ion to society      *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

ANSWERS: 92. morph, 93. symbol, 94. preserve, 95. jam, 96. radical, 97. asleep, 98. refer, 99. visual, 100. occasionally, 101. decode, 102. contribution

103. si___t reading	<i>adj.</i> without any or little sound
104. voc_____ry list	<i>n.</i> the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
105. Chinese cl_____c literature	<i>adj.</i> judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
106. a pa__c reaction	<i>n.</i> a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
107. unf_____ely caught in a shower	<i>adv.</i> by bad luck; unluckily
108. basic br__n function	<i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
109. ill_____te a story	<i>v.</i> to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
110. r_t with age	<i>v.</i> to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
111. get inc_____ly insecure	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
112. de___e centigrade	<i>n.</i> a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
113. tr_____r a biochemical response	<i>v.</i> to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

ANSWERS: 103. silent, 104. vocabulary, 105. classic, 106. panic, 107. unfortunately, 108. brain, 109. illustrate, 110. rot, 111. incredibly, 112. degree, 113. trigger

114. un\_\_\_\_\_h a mystery      *v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
115. have a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve effect      *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
116. ine\_\_\_\_\_ble decision      *adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
117. the unf\_\_\_\_\_ar surroundings      *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
118. a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve number      *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
119. seem like a da\_\_\_\_\_ng task      *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
120. bo\_\_s excuse      *adj.* false or imitation; not genuine
121. chemical re\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
122. pre-mo\_\_\_\_n agricultural society      *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
123. s\_\_t and tie restaurant      *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
124. hel\_\_\_\_\_er ride      *n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access

ANSWERS: 114. unearth, 115. negative, 116. inexplicable, 117. unfamiliar, 118. negative, 119. daunting, 120. bogus, 121. reaction, 122. modern, 123. suit, 124. helicopter

125. bl\_\_k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
126. sc\_\_\_\_\_le solution *adj.* capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands
127. st\_\_\_e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
128. bo\_\_s charities *adj.* false or imitation; not genuine
129. as\_\_\_e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
130. a night o\_l *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
131. an\_\_\_\_\_e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
132. have no up\_\_\_e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
133. di\_\_\_\_\_a thesis *n.* a document showing the completion of a course of study or a portion of the education program; a course of study at a college or university
134. courtroom sto\_\_\_\_\_ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
135. com\_\_\_\_\_te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 125. blank, 126. scalable, 127. strike, 128. bogus, 129. assume, 130. owl, 131. animate, 132. upside, 133. diploma, 134. storytelling, 135. communicate



136. in\_\_\_\_\_on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
137. the great di\_\_\_\_\_ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
138. do\_\_\_\_\_ht impossible *adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
139. motion b\_\_\_r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
140. co\_\_\_\_\_t mainly of cells *v.* to be composed or made up of
141. ha\_\_\_t material *n.* abbreviation of Hazardous Material, referring to substances that pose a risk to human health and the environment
142. a cl\_\_h between the two task forces *n.* a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something
143. a gr\_\_h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
144. afraid to show em\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
145. am\_\_\_\_\_g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 136. intention, 137. discovery, 138. downright, 139. blur, 140. consist, 141. hazmat, 142. clash, 143. graph, 144. emotion, 145. amazing

146. l\_\_p of faith  
*v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
147. ob\_\_\_\_e answer  
*adj.* not well known to many people
148. ill\_\_\_\_te a key point  
*v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
149. 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
150. a per\_\_\_\_ve view  
*n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
151. television i\_\_n  
*n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
152. pr\_\_\_r physics to chemistry  
*v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
153. a bac\_\_\_\_nd color  
*n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
154. en\_\_\_\_ly satisfied with the meal  
*adv.* completely
155. a criminal bac\_\_\_\_nd  
*n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 146. leap, 147. obscure, 148. illustrate, 149. achieve, 150. perspective, 151. icon, 152. prefer, 153. background, 154. entirely, 155. background

156. pr\_\_\_\_s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
157. rud\_\_\_\_ry understanding *adj.* relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental
158. i\_\_n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
159. com\_\_\_\_ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
160. p\_\_y speech *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
161. refined sim\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
162. ignorance is bl\_\_s *n.* extreme happiness or joy
163. heavy tr\_\_\_\_c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 156. process, 157. rudimentary, 158. icon, 159. complexity, 160. pity, 161. simplicity, 162. bliss, 163. traffic

164. feel a sl\_\_\_t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount
165. even more unf\_\_\_\_\_ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
166. an ab\_\_\_\_\_ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
167. de\_\_\_\_\_on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
168. translate li\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
169. ine\_\_\_\_\_ble event *adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
170. non\_\_\_\_\_al idea *adj.* lacking in sense or meaning; absurd, irrational, or illogical
171. fl\_\_\_t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
172. v\_\_d contract *n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
173. ts\_\_\_\_\_i warning *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
174. in\_\_\_\_\_e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 164. slight, 165. unfortunately, 166. abstract, 167. decision, 168. literally, 169. inexplicable, 170. nonsensical, 171. fluent, 172. void, 173. tsunami, 174. inspire

175. pa\_\_c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
176. co\_\_\_\_\_t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
177. the most am\_\_\_\_\_g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
178. gain ed\_\_\_\_\_al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
179. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
180. co\_\_\_\_\_us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
181. vi\_\_\_l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
182. di\_\_\_\_\_s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
183. occ\_\_\_\_\_lly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
184. a rud\_\_\_\_\_ry plant *adj.* relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental
185. co\_\_\_\_\_us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
186. ar\_\_w pointing *n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
187. tr\_\_\_\_\_r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

ANSWERS: 175. panic, 176. concept, 177. amazing, 178. editorial, 179. eventually, 180. conscious, 181. visual, 182. discuss, 183. occasionally, 184. rudimentary, 185. conscious, 186. arrow, 187. trigger

188. st\_\_\_\_le to get the job      *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
189. s\_\_g blanket      *adj.* comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design
190. in a fl\_\_\_\_t tone      *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
191. a com\_\_\_\_ed process      *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
192. bl\_\_k paper      *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
193. st\_\_\_\_e a blow      *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
194. as\_\_\_\_e a lousy attitude to his boss      *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
195. a ra\_\_\_\_l flaw in the plan      *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
196. app\_\_\_\_te the value      *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 188. struggle, 189. snug, 190. fluent, 191. complicated, 192. blank, 193. strike, 194. assume, 195. radical, 196. appreciate

197. el\_\_w bone *n.* the joint between the upper arm and the lower arm; the bend in a pipe or tube formed at this joint
198. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
199. a scientific di\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
200. po\_\_\_c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
201. re\_\_\_\_\_nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
202. poetic me\_\_r *n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
203. pr\_\_\_\_\_ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
204. sl\_\_\_t increase *adj.* very small in degree or amount
205. begin to r\_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
206. ultimate bl\_\_s *n.* extreme happiness or joy

ANSWERS: 197. elbow, 198. complexity, 199. discovery, 200. poetic, 201. represent, 202. meter, 203. preserve, 204. slight, 205. rot, 206. bliss

207. un\_\_\_\_\_h burial mound      *v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
208. di\_\_\_\_\_s options      *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
209. dis\_\_\_\_\_rt in the abdomen      *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
210. ex\_\_\_\_\_e for inaction      *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
211. become increasingly com\_\_\_\_\_ed      *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
212. 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
213. a ga\_\_\_\_\_y of famous actors      *n.* an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity
214. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct      *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
215. a shrewd ob\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it

ANSWERS: 207. unearth, 208. discuss, 209. discomfort, 210. excuse, 211. complicated, 212. achieve, 213. galaxy, 214. intellect, 215. observer



216. interstate co\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
217. the gr\_\_s amount *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
218. pr\_\_\_r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
219. st\_\_\_\_\_le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
220. endure dis\_\_\_\_\_rt and pain *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
221. da\_\_\_g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
222. cr\_\_t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
223. ts\_\_\_\_\_i relief *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
224. app\_\_\_\_\_te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
225. pr\_\_\_t a debate *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
226. bus\_\_\_\_\_son network *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

ANSWERS: 216. commerce, 217. gross, 218. prefer, 219. struggle, 220. discomfort, 221. daring, 222. craft, 223. tsunami, 224. appreciate, 225. prompt, 226. businessperson

227. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly obsessed with the girl      *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
228. inc\_\_\_\_\_ly cheerful character      *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
229. cr\_\_t arts of Japan      *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
230. a ra\_\_\_m choice      *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
231. un\_\_\_\_\_al life      *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
232. wet-b\_\_b thermometer      *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
233. e\_\_h a metal plate      *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
234. a cl\_\_\_\_\_c experiment      *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
235. gr\_\_h theory      *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

ANSWERS: 227. absolutely, 228. incredibly, 229. craft, 230. random, 231. universal, 232. bulb, 233. etch, 234. classic, 235. graph

236. ev\_\_e sympathy *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
237. clear in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
238. elliptic ga\_\_\_y *n.* an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity
239. tax re\_\_\_f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
240. em\_\_\_\_\_y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
241. in\_\_\_\_\_e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
242. mo\_\_h into something entirely different *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
243. de\_\_\_\_\_er code *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
244. an ear\_\_\_\_\_ke zone *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
245. e\_\_h a design into wood *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

ANSWERS: 236. evoke, 237. intention, 238. galaxy, 239. relief, 240. empathy, 241. inspire, 242. morph, 243. decipher, 244. earthquake, 245. etch

246. pr\_\_\_t a feeling of hunger *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
247. the local chamber of co\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
248. the degree of dif\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
249. modern po\_\_\_y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
250. em\_\_\_\_\_al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
251. ob\_\_\_\_\_e artist *adj.* not well known to many people
252. gr\_\_s injustice *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
253. bachelor's de\_\_\_e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
254. control my em\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
255. make a da\_\_\_g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
256. v\_\_e pottery *n.* a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects
257. tr\_\_\_\_\_c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 246. prompt, 247. commerce, 248. difficulty, 249. poetry, 250. emotional, 251. obscure, 252. gross, 253. degree, 254. emotion, 255. daring, 256. vase, 257. traffic

258. re\_\_\_\_\_ng payments *adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
259. dead as\_\_\_\_p *adj.* in a state of sleep
260. make a positive con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
261. ha\_\_\_\_t incident *n.* abbreviation of Hazardous Material, referring to substances that pose a risk to human health and the environment
262. face the da\_\_\_\_\_ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
263. mo\_\_\_\_n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
264. se\_\_\_\_e landscape *adj.* calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries
265. com\_\_\_\_\_te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
266. co\_\_\_\_\_in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
267. a selfish de\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
268. bombs fell at ra\_\_\_\_m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 258. recurring, 259. asleep, 260. contribution, 261. hazmat, 262. daunting, 263. modern, 264. serene, 265. communicate, 266. complain, 267. decision, 268. random

269. an_____ng habit	<i>adj.</i> making someone feel slightly angry
270. a life of sim_____ty	<i>n.</i> the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
271. l__p to a conclusion	<i>v.</i> to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
272. the form of a di_____ue	<i>n.</i> a conversation in a book, play, or film
273. university di_____a	<i>n.</i> a document showing the completion of a course of study or a portion of the education program; a course of study at a college or university
274. sto_____ing performance	<i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories
275. she is ma__c	<i>n.</i> beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
276. perfect ex___e	<i>n.</i> a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
277. f__e abroad	<i>v.</i> to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
278. eve_____ly succeed	<i>adv.</i> finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
279. st__k a key in a lock	<i>v.</i> to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 269. annoying, 270. simplicity, 271. leap, 272. dialogue, 273. diploma, 274. storytelling, 275. magic, 276. excuse, 277. flee, 278. eventually, 279. stick

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This examination \_\_\_\_\_ of five problems to solve.  
*v.* to be composed or made up of
  
2. Six \_\_\_\_\_ are awaiting trial or verdict.  
*n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
  
3. Her dress was a disturbing \_\_\_\_\_ of colors.  
*n.* a fight or argument between two groups of people; a loud noise caused by striking against something
  
4. He spent hours trying to \_\_\_\_\_ the ancient text.  
*v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
  
5. He was a successful \_\_\_\_\_ and had much experience in the field.  
*n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
  
6. The dragon is considered a \_\_\_\_\_ of bravery.  
*n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
  
7. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.  
*n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
  
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.  
*adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

ANSWERS: 1. consists, 2. suits, 3. clash, 4. decipher, 5. businessperson, 6. symbol, 7. creditor, 8. graphic



9. Our CEO's \_\_\_\_\_ are always transparent and straightforward.  
*n.* something you want to do and are going to do
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. She still \_\_\_\_\_ writes a short romance novel.  
*adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ sunset over the ocean was a peaceful sight to behold.  
*adj.* calm, peaceful, and untroubled; free from disturbances or worries
13. He used a sharp tool to \_\_\_\_\_ his initials onto the metal.  
*v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
14. The light \_\_\_\_\_ has burned out.  
*n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
15. The lack of funds has resulted in a \_\_\_\_\_ for our university system.  
*n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
16. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high \_\_\_\_\_ sensibility.  
*adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
17. We made \_\_\_\_\_ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.  
*adj.* very small in degree or amount

ANSWERS: 9. intentions, 10. complexity, 11. occasionally, 12. serene, 13. etch, 14. bulb, 15. catastrophe, 16. artistic, 17. slight

18. He liked the car because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the design.  
*n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
19. We elected him to \_\_\_\_\_ us at the international conference.  
*v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
20. The Milky Way \_\_\_\_\_ has numerous water-bearing planets.  
*n.* an independent group of stars, interstellar gas, dark matter, etc., in the universe, bound together by gravity
21. He found \_\_\_\_\_ in the works of his favorite authors.  
*n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
22. The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid traffic congestion  
*n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
23. The treatments were done but, \_\_\_\_\_ were unsuccessful.  
*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
24. He has \_\_\_\_\_ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.  
*n.* a condition or state that causes problems
25. The software could \_\_\_\_\_ the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.  
*v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

ANSWERS: 18. simplicity, 19. represent, 20. galaxy, 21. inspiration, 22. helicopter, 23. unfortunately, 24. difficulty, 25. decode

26. Some comic book characters are considered gay \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
27. I am \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
28. He quickly fabricated an \_\_\_\_\_ for not attending the meeting.
- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
29. Please \_\_\_\_\_ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
30. The archer aimed his \_\_\_\_\_ carefully at the target.
- n.* a thin, pointed projectile designed to be shot from a bow; a symbol or pointer that is shaped like an arrow
31. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
32. They worked hard to \_\_\_\_\_ the nature of their native lands.
- v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
33. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 26. icons, 27. absolutely, 28. excuse, 29. refer, 30. arrow, 31. rot, 32. preserve, 33. background

34. He completed his high school \_\_\_\_\_ via correspondence courses.  
*n.* a document showing the completion of a course of study or a portion of the education program; a course of study at a college or university
35. Using the same \_\_\_\_\_ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.  
*n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
36. This company has invested heavily in Internet \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
37. The following example \_\_\_\_\_ that the capacity of each battery is the same.  
*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
38. She was \_\_\_\_\_ with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.  
*adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
39. He was \_\_\_\_\_ about the situation and didn't know what to do.  
*adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
40. The detective \_\_\_\_\_ a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.  
*v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
41. The famous \_\_\_\_\_ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.  
*n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

ANSWERS: 34. diploma, 35. cliché, 36. commerce, 37. assumes, 38. unfamiliar, 39. uneasy, 40. unearthed, 41. proverb

42. The company's new software is highly \_\_\_\_\_ allowing it to handle increasing number of users.

*adj.* capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands

43. Yesterday, I created a rough \_\_\_\_\_ of the plan.

*n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

44. According to the theory of relativity, time is different for each \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a person who watches or notices someone or something but has no active part in it

45. The movie has received almost universally \_\_\_\_\_ criticism.

*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

46. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused \_\_\_\_\_ in the financial markets.

*n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

47. We would \_\_\_\_\_ an early reply.

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

48. The earthquake-\_\_\_\_\_ caused widespread destruction along the coast.

*n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance

49. 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

ANSWERS: 42. scalable, 43. sketch, 44. observer, 45. negative, 46. panic, 47. appreciate, 48. tsunami, 49. craft

50. The \_\_\_\_\_ in her heart was filled with the love of her family.  
*n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
51. He performed \_\_\_\_\_ tricks with sophisticated moves.  
*n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
52. She was skilled in \_\_\_\_\_ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.  
*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
53. The picture earned near-\_\_\_\_\_ acclaim from critics.  
*adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
54. 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
55. The violent \_\_\_\_\_ caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.  
*n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
56. There was a chemical \_\_\_\_\_ of the lime with the groundwater.  
*n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
57. Her choices become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ and creative.  
*adj.* brave and taking risks

ANSWERS: 50. void, 51. magic, 52. storytelling, 53. universal, 54. interaction, 55. earthquake, 56. reaction, 57. daring

58. His father's death changed his whole \_\_\_\_\_ on life.

*n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

59. The unique style of this martial arts \_\_\_\_\_ many action film producers.

*v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

60. The process was carried out at \_\_\_\_\_ cost.

*adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible

61. The engine did not start because the \_\_\_\_\_ was flat.

*n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

62. 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

63. He \_\_\_\_\_ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

*adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

64. The shredder in the print room often has paper \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

65. The newspaper published an \_\_\_\_\_ on the current state of the economy.

*adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

ANSWERS: 58. perspective, 59. inspired, 60. minimal, 61. battery, 62. emotions, 63. literally, 64. jams, 65. editorial

66. It is a basic instinct to \_\_\_\_\_ from a dangerous situation.

*v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

67. The first two years of her marriage were sheer \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* extreme happiness or joy

68. The phone call is an \_\_\_\_\_ interruption.

*adj.* making someone feel slightly angry

69. He did \_\_\_\_\_ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

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

70. He became \_\_\_\_\_ that he was being followed.

*adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

71. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ lie that he would attend the event.

*adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

72. The baby was fast asleep in his \_\_\_\_\_ cot, swaddled in soft, warm blankets.

*adj.* comfortably warm and cozy; fitting tightly and comfortably; compact and efficient in design

73. He recorded the \_\_\_\_\_ at the time of the incident.

*n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film

74. The birds \_\_\_\_\_ open water areas with reeds around them.

*v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

ANSWERS: 66. flee, 67. bliss, 68. annoying, 69. complicated, 70. conscious, 71. downright, 72. snug, 73. dialogue, 74. prefer



75. He accused the company of using \_\_\_\_\_ advertising claims to sell its products.

*adj.* false or imitation; not genuine

76. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.

*n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain

77. A \_\_\_\_\_ back pain interfered with his concentration.

*adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly

78. This company \_\_\_\_\_ into an enterprise company.

*v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

79. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.

*adj.* without any or little sound

80. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

81. He has only a \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge of this topic.

*adj.* relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental

82. The computer screen displayed nothing but a \_\_\_\_\_ white screen

*adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

83. Human \_\_\_\_\_ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

*adj.* relating to people's feelings

ANSWERS: 75. bogus, 76. pity, 77. recurring, 78. morphed, 79. silent, 80. strike, 81. rudimentary, 82. blank, 83. emotional

84. Dolphins use sound to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.

- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

85. This bar \_\_\_\_\_ shows sales over the past five years.

- n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

86. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more \_\_\_\_\_.

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

87. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.

- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

88. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.

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

89. The positive attitude of the supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ the discussion.

- v.* to make something full of interest and energy

90. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

91. Many people see the \_\_\_\_\_ of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

- n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

ANSWERS: 84. communicate, 85. graph, 86. creative, 87. modern, 88. amazing, 89. animated, 90. discuss, 91. upside

92. The snowy \_\_\_\_ is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.  
*n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
93. The incident \_\_\_\_\_ a political controversy.  
*v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
94. One such rapidly growing \_\_\_\_\_ is quantum cryptography.  
*n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
95. The athlete was able to \_\_\_\_ over the hurdle with ease.  
*v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
96. The company's financial records \_\_\_\_\_ how successful it has been.  
*v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
97. His \_\_\_\_\_ to the charity was a generous donation of money.  
*n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
98. The hazardous materials team was called to the scene in their \_\_\_\_\_ suits.  
*n.* abbreviation of Hazardous Material, referring to substances that pose a risk to human health and the environment
99. He felt no \_\_\_\_\_ as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.  
*n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

ANSWERS: 92. owl, 93. triggered, 94. concept, 95. leap, 96. illustrate, 97. contribution, 98. hazmat, 99. discomfort

100. She learned five languages but is only \_\_\_\_\_ in two of them.

*adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

101. That story was so \_\_\_\_\_ and it was scary.

*adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

102. To find drunk drivers, police conduct \_\_\_\_\_ tests.

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

103. The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's \_\_\_\_\_ profits.

*adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

104. Using proper \_\_\_\_\_ is essential for writing a good essay.

*n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

105. He lay down and fell \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.

*adj.* in a state of sleep

106. Later, his claim was found to be \_\_\_\_\_ false.

*adv.* completely

107. This information was primarily \_\_\_\_\_ in the first release.

*adj.* not well known to many people

108. The government established by the coup was more \_\_\_\_\_ than before.

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

ANSWERS: 100. fluent, 101. realistic, 102. random, 103. gross, 104. vocabulary, 105. asleep, 106. entirely, 107. obscured, 108. radical

109. She was struggling to make a \_\_\_\_\_ between two job offers.

*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

110. 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

111. The new washing machine is much more \_\_\_\_\_ than the old one.

*adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

112. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ against temptation.

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

113. That incident \_\_\_\_\_ a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.

*v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

114. The coach explained a strategy to \_\_\_\_\_ the opponent's schemes to the players.

*v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

115. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a \_\_\_\_\_ scene from a movie.

*adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

ANSWERS: 109. decision, 110. achieve, 111. efficient, 112. struggle, 113. prompted, 114. frustrate, 115. poetic

116. The building makes a remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ impact.

*adj.* relating to seeing or sight

117. Our users are often \_\_\_\_\_ about the slow application.

*v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

118. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

119. The comedian's jokes could have been more \_\_\_\_\_ and confused the audience.

*adj.* lacking in sense or meaning; absurd, irrational, or illogical

120. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of \_\_\_\_\_ varies greatly.

*n.* poems in general as a genre of literature

121. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a \_\_\_\_\_ of colors and shapes.

*n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

122. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his \_\_\_\_\_.

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

123. My homework was \_\_\_\_\_ and complex, but it was also intriguing.

*adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

ANSWERS: 116. visual, 117. complaining, 118. Empathy, 119. nonsensical, 120. poetry, 121. blur, 122. brain, 123. daunting

124. This movie is likely to \_\_\_\_\_ strong emotions in the viewer.

*v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

125. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

126. She received her \_\_\_\_\_ in psychology from the university.

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

127. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian \_\_\_\_\_ fund.

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

128. The invention of the camera triggered the development of \_\_\_\_\_ painting.

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

129. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

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

130. She bruised her \_\_\_\_\_ after falling off her bike.

*n.* the joint between the upper arm and the lower arm; the bend in a pipe or tube formed at this joint

131. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction \_\_\_\_\_ on the main road.

*n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 124. evoke, 125. discovery, 126. degree, 127. relief, 128. abstract, 129. stick, 130. elbow, 131. traffic

132. The roof finally \_\_\_\_\_ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.  
*v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
133. The reason for his sudden disappearance from work was \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* unable to be explained, understood, or accounted for; mysterious or puzzling
134. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.  
*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
135. He displayed the \_\_\_\_\_ symptoms of depression.  
*adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
136. Several cities are experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ high unemployment rates.  
*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
137. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.  
*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
138. The exquisite \_\_\_\_\_ was filled with a bouquet of flowers.  
*n.* a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects
139. The corporation \_\_\_\_\_ dominated the entire tobacco business.  
*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 132. collapsed, 133. inexplicable, 134. process, 135. classic, 136. incredibly, 137. intellect, 138. vase, 139. eventually



140. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the wall showed that the room was three meters long.

- n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse

ANSWERS: 140. meter