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Session 1: Word List

boast

v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

synonym : show off, brag, bluster

(1) **boast** of his success, (2) **boast** a long history

This town **boasts** a national park.

annoy

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

synonym : aggravate, irritate, unsettle

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

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

compliment

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

synonym : praise, acclamation, tribute

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

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

insult

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

synonym : affront, slight, offense

(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other

His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

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.

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**.

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.

cave

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

synonym : cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**
Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym : vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym: element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

anxiety

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

synonym: concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge

She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym: recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

bias

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

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

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

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

gratitude

n. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

synonym : appreciation, thankfulness, indebtedness

(1) a debt of **gratitude**, (2) feelings of **gratitude**

She expressed her **gratitude** towards the kind stranger who helped her.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym : implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

thanksgiving

n. an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year

synonym : gratitude, appreciation, recognition

(1) **thanksgiving** traditions, (2) **thanksgiving** parade

My family gathers together every year for **thanksgiving** dinner.

agnostic

n. a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

synonym : skeptic, doubter, unbeliever

(1) **agnostic** world-view, (2) **agnostic** position

Her scientific background led her to be **agnostic** about the

existence of a higher power.

cashier

n. an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business

synonym: teller, clerk

(1) **cashier** position, (2) bank **cashier**

After working as a **cashier** for a few years, she was promoted to a managerial position within the grocery store.

adventure

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym: experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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**.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

asphalt

n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

synonym: tar, road surface, blacktop

(1) **asphalt** pavement, (2) **asphalt** driveway

The road crew was laying fresh **asphalt** on the highway.

combine

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

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

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

(2) **combine** augmented reality

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

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym: startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

miner

n. a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

synonym: digger, excavator, miner

(1) **miner** strike, (2) **miner** industry

The coal **miner** worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

herd

n. a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock

synonym: flock, brood, horde

(1) **herd** of cattle, (2) the common **herd**

He was riding **herd** on the sheep during the day.

overwhelming

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

synonym: overpowering, astounding, amazing

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

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

opposed

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

synonym: anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
synonym: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

trail

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

synonym: footpath, track, course

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

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

barista

n. a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages

synonym: coffee maker, coffee expert, espresso artist

(1) **barista** skills, (2) professional **barista**

The **barista** at my favorite coffee shop always makes the perfect latte.

upbeat

adj. positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music

synonym: optimistic, positive, hopeful

(1) **upbeat** attitude, (2) remain **upbeat** about the future

The **upbeat** music helped to lift her spirits and put her in a good mood.

enthusiastic

adj. having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something

synonym: ardent, fervent, crazy

(1) **enthusiastic** football fan, (2) **enthusiastic** audience

She was **enthusiastic** about starting her new job.

encounter

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

synonym : meet, run into, come across

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

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

caffeine

n. a stimulant drug that is found in coffee, tea, and other beverages and that is used to increase alertness and improve mental and physical performance

synonym : stimulant

(1) **caffeine** intake, (2) coffee with the **caffeine** removed

She experienced headaches and fatigue as symptoms of **caffeine** withdrawal after quitting coffee.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym : shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

whip

v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

synonym : thrash, flog, scourge

(1) **whip** egg whites, (2) **whip** into shape

The jockey **whipped** the horse hard to take first place.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym : boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym : circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

vend

v. to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop

synonym : sell, peddle, market

(1) **vend** souvenirs, (2) **vend** delicious meals

The local **vendor** was able to vend all of his fresh produce by the end of the day.

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.

pledge

v. to make a formal promise to give or do something

synonym : promise, assure, guarantee

(1) **pledge** my fidelity, (2) **pledge** military assistance

At this ceremony, We will **pledge** allegiance to the country's flag.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

embarrass

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

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in

public.

dirt *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
synonym : filth, grime, muck
(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track
The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.

fertilizer *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
synonym : manure
(1) a chemical **fertilizer**, (2) nonsynthetic **fertilizer**
Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of **fertilizers**.

ritual *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
synonym : tradition, ceremony, routine
(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**
The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

dip *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
synonym : dunk, dive, plunge
(1) **dip** a pen in ink, (2) **dip** a chip in the sauce
Please **dip** up a bucketful of water from the well.

slurp *v.* to eat, drink, or consume with a loud or messy sucking noise; to make a loud or messy sucking noise while eating, drinking, or consuming
synonym : sip, gulp, drink noisily
(1) **slurp** tea, (2) **slurp** noodles
The child couldn't resist **slurping** her soup loudly at the dinner table.

cartoon

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

spray

n. a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

synonym: mist, aerosol, atomizer

(1) a **spray** of mist, (2) an insect **spray**

The artist used a **spray** paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.

bud

n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

synonym: shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

cheek

n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw

synonym: jaw, mandible, malar

(1) **cheek** bone, (2) hollowed-out **cheek**

He gently touched her apple-red **cheek** and whispered that he loved her.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym: earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

maple

n. a tall tree with five-pointed leaves that turn brilliant crimson or yellow in the fall that grows in the northern region

(1) **maple** tree, (2) drizzle of **maple** syrup

The national emblem of Canada is a **maple** leaf.

syrup

n. a sweet, thick liquid made by dissolving sugar in water, often flavored with fruit, spices, or other ingredients

synonym : nectar, sap, honey

(1) maple **syrup**, (2) **syrup** bottle

She mixed the **syrup** with water to make a sweet drink.

sip

v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

synonym : taste, sample, drink

(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer

He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

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.

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

synonym : lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

spare

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

synonym : extra, excess, (verb) afford

(1) **spare** parts, (2) **spare** cost

I made plans to spend my **spare** time beneficially.

acidity

n. the level of acid content in a substance or environment; the quality of being sour or tart; sharpness or harshness

in taste or manner

synonym : sourness, tartness, acidity

(1) high **acidity** level, (2) the **acidity** of the wine

The soil's **acidity** was too high for the plants to grow correctly.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

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.

masterpiece

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

synonym : classic, chef-d'oeuvre, magnum opus

(1) literary **masterpiece**, (2) a **masterpiece** of design

The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a **masterpiece** of art.

conversation

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

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

invention

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

synonym : creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

- lid** *n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
synonym : cover, top, cap
(1) container **lid**, (2) the **lid** of a box
He opened the **lid** of the jar to reveal the contents inside.
- approximately** *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
synonym : about, around, roughly
(1) **approximately** 3 feet long, (2) **approximately** same
This trail takes **approximately** 2.5 hours.
- sweat** *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
synonym : perspiration, steam, hardwork
(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath
She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.
- ruin** *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
synonym : bankrupt, demolish, destroy
(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation
He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.
- aroma** *n.* a distinctive, usually pleasant smell, often of a specific food, plant, or object
synonym : fragrance, scent, smell
(1) **aroma** therapy, (2) coffee **aroma**
The **aroma** of freshly baked bread filled the kitchen.
- innovative** *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
synonym : creative, ingenious, inventive
(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works
The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

musky

adj. having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss

synonym : musty, earthy, pungent

(1) **musky** aroma, (2) **musky** perfume

The **musky** scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.

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.

hexagon

n. a six-sided polygon with six angles and six sides of equal length

synonym : hexahedron, six-sided figure, six-gon

(1) **hexagon** head bolt, (2) **hexagon** pattern

The honeycomb structure of a beehive is made up of **hexagons**.

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym : peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym : pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

indentation

n. a cut, gap, or mark on the surface of something; the space left between the margin and the start of an indented line

synonym : gouge, dent, division

(1) a broad **indentation** of the gulf, (2) automatic **indentation**

Archaeologists found a slight **indentation** in the middle of the lower jawbone on a bone excavated from that historic site.

thumb

n. the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

synonym : digit, finger, phalange

(1) **thumb** wrestling, (2) **thumb** a ride

He used his right **thumb** to press the button on his phone.

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.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym : hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym: enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym: affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

frenzy

n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

synonym: frenetic, commotion, tumult

(1) **frenzy** of activity, (2) buying **frenzy**

The shoppers were **frenzy** to get the best deals on Black Friday.

pyramid

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

synonym: monument, edifice, tomb

(1) **pyramid** architecture, (2) a truncated **pyramid**

The Egyptian **pyramids** consist of a vast number of blocks.

scheme

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

synonym: strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym : exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

pest

n. a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome

synonym : nuisance, problem, annoyance

(1) **pest** control, (2) a **pest** of bean plants

The gardener used natural methods to keep **pests** away from her plants.

warehouse

n. a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops

synonym : storage, repository, depot

(1) a rental **warehouse**, (2) **warehouse** debt

The fire ruined all the food stored in the **warehouse**.

bug

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

synonym : insect, bacterium, microbe

(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes

I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.

crank

n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

synonym : eccentric, oddball, kook

(1) **crank** handle, (2) **crank** caller

The fishing reel had a **crank** that made it easy to reel in the catch.

default

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to

choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym : fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

mood

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

synonym : mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

grumpy

adj. easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way

synonym : crabby, grouchy, irritable

(1) **grumpy** cat, (2) **grumpy** mood

The **grumpy** older man snapped at the children for playing too loudly.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym : thankful, appreciative, indebted

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

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

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.

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.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

cliff

n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

synonym : crag, escarpment, precipice

(1) a bold **cliff**, (2) **cliff** diving

He stood at the edge of the **cliff** and looked out to sea.

hairpin

n. a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply

(1) **hairpin** clip, (2) **hairpin** curve

She carefully navigated her way around the **hairpin** turns on the mountain road.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

fair-trade

n. a movement that promotes fair payment and working conditions for producers in developing nations, typically

in the context of international trade

synonym : ethical trade, sustainable trade

(1) support **fair-trade** practices, (2) **fair-trade** bananas

I always try to buy **fair-trade** coffee to support ethical farming practices.

pickup

n. a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody

synonym : truck, cartridge

(1) **pickup** truck, (2) **pickup** and delivery service

I'll be waiting for you in front of the café at 6 PM, so be on time for our **pickup**.

export

v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

synonym : ship, send, transfer

(1) **export** goods, (2) **export** the data

The country **exports** a large amount of agricultural products.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym : iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

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

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

downside

n. the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure

synonym: drawback, negative, disadvantage

(1) major **downside**, (2) **downside** of globalization

The **downside** of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym: fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

temptation

n. the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting

hope or desire

synonym : allure, attraction, enticement

(1) withstand **temptation**, (2) many **temptations**

Researchers often succumb to the **temptation** of accolades and commit research misconduct.

retreat

n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

synonym : escape, withdrawal, vacation

(1) **retreat** deeper into their territory, (2) **retreat** in a mountain region

Many people go on a **retreat** to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

silo

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

synonym : storage, warehouse, barn

(1) nuclear **silo**, (2) **silo** organization

The farmer used a **silo** to store feed for the animals.

upsurge

n. a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency

synonym : surge, increase, rise

(1) population **upsurge**, (2) an **upsurge** of emotion

The country saw an **upsurge** in tourism after the new airport was built.

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

synonym : aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

jingostic

adj. characterized by extreme patriotism and aggressive foreign policy; advocating for the use of military force or aggressive action to advance national interests

synonym : chauvinistic, nationalist, patriotic

(1) **jingostic** fervor, (2) **jingostic** attitudes

The **jingostic** rhetoric of the political candidate was unsettling to many.

spark

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

synonym : start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction

The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

complacent

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

synonym : content, satisfied, self-satisfied

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

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

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

bastardize

v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

synonym : corrupt, debase, pervert

(1) **bastardize** a recipe, (2) **bastardize** culture

We do not want to **bastardize** the text's original meaning

through poor translations.

exploitation

n. the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful

synonym : victimization, development, using

(1) sexual **exploitation**, (2) the **exploitation** of fossil resources

Strategic **exploitation** of cutting-edge technology would be a sure formula for success.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym : series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

reservoir

n. a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something

synonym : pool, supply, repertoire

(1) a **reservoir** of facts, (2) water **reservoir**

The machine pumps up crude oil from a deep underground **reservoir**.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym : wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

lever

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

synonym : lifter, crowbar, bar

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

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

luxury

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

synonym: extravagance, indulgence, opulence

(1) get into the **luxury** car market, (2) **luxury** hotel

His anti- **luxury** practices were quite strict.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

committee

n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

synonym: panel, board, council

(1) **committee** meeting, (2) **committee** member

The ad hoc **committee** met to discuss the proposal.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

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

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

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.

gesture

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

synonym: motion, expression, gesticulation

(1) **gesture** of goodwill, (2) hand **gesture**

She made a facial **gesture** to express disagreement.

logo

n. a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

synonym: emblem, symbol, crest

(1) **logo** design, (2) brand **logo**

The company's **logo** was on the side of the building.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym: cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

microphone

n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

synonym: mic, megaphone, amplifier

(1) **microphone** cable, (2) built-in **microphone**

The interviewer asked him to speak into the **microphone**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the cycle of po____y | <i>n.</i> the condition of being extremely poor |
| 2. sexual pr____ors | <i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others |
| 3. de____e on a course of action | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 4. buying fr____y | <i>n.</i> a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior |
| 5. cr__k caller | <i>n.</i> a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person |
| 6. bo__t of his success | <i>v.</i> to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction |
| 7. lu____y hotel | <i>n.</i> a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things |
| 8. y__l for help | <i>v.</i> to shout in a sudden and loud way |
| 9. pro_____on of civilization | <i>n.</i> the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward |
| 10. bankrupt cr____or | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |

ANSWERS: 1. poverty, 2. predator, 3. decide, 4. frenzy, 5. crank, 6. boast, 7. luxury, 8. yell, 9. progression, 10. creditor

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| 11. get into the lu___y car market | <i>n.</i> a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things |
| 12. th__b wrestling | <i>n.</i> the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists |
| 13. native to___e | <i>n.</i> a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language |
| 14. in___e a high degree of risk | <i>v.</i> to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else |
| 15. la____y mitigate the issue | <i>adv.</i> virtually entirely; to a large degree |
| 16. ex___t goods | <i>v.</i> to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use |
| 17. im____e the test score | <i>v.</i> to make or become better |
| 18. psy_____gy of crowd | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior |
| 19. ent_____tic football fan | <i>adj.</i> having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something |
| 20. re____t in a mountain region | <i>n.</i> the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life |
| 21. a ne____ve number | <i>adj.</i> having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal |

ANSWERS: 11. luxury, 12. thumb, 13. tongue, 14. involve, 15. largely, 16. export, 17. improve, 18. psychology, 19. enthusiastic, 20. retreat, 21. negative

22. ag____ic position *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
23. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
24. feelings of gr_____de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
25. brand l__o *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
26. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
27. population up_____e *n.* a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency
28. sexual exp_____ion *n.* the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful
29. sh_____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
30. ent_____tic audience *adj.* having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something
31. coffee ar__a *n.* a distinctive, usually pleasant smell, often of a specific food, plant, or object
32. do_____de of globalization *n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure

ANSWERS: 22. agnostic, 23. component, 24. gratitude, 25. logo, 26. fake, 27. upsurge, 28. exploitation, 29. shocking, 30. enthusiastic, 31. aroma, 32. downside

33. an up_____e of emotion *n.* a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency
34. the root problem of her dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
35. a p__t of bean plants *n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome
36. he_____n pattern *n.* a six-sided polygon with six angles and six sides of equal length
37. drizzle of ma__e syrup *n.* a tall tree with five-pointed leaves that turn brilliant crimson or yellow in the fall that grows in the northern region
38. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
39. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
40. number of b_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
41. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
42. mic_____ne cable *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
43. the country's is_____on *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

ANSWERS: 33. upsurge, 34. depression, 35. pest, 36. hexagon, 37. maple, 38. brain, 39. fake, 40. bug, 41. mindset, 42. microphone, 43. isolation

44. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
45. jin_____ic fervor *adj.* characterized by extreme patriotism and aggressive foreign policy; advocating for the use of military force or aggressive action to advance national interests
46. a sp__y of mist *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
47. is_____on booth *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
48. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
49. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
50. ha_____n curve *n.* a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply
51. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
52. v__d souvenirs *v.* to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop

ANSWERS: 44. inspire, 45. jingoistic, 46. spray, 47. isolation, 48. pray, 49. embarrass, 50. hairpin, 51. interconnect, 52. vend

53. mu__y aroma *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
54. major do____de *n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
55. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
56. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
57. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
58. re____t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
59. ca____r position *n.* an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business
60. an____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
61. key co____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
62. as____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

ANSWERS: 53. musky, 54. downside, 55. interconnect, 56. accord, 57. economy, 58. resist, 59. cashier, 60. anxiety, 61. component, 62. astound

63. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
64. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
65. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
66. market up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
67. in_____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
68. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
69. p__t control *n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome
70. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
71. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
72. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
73. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
74. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

ANSWERS: 63. ritual, 64. progression, 65. yell, 66. upside, 67. infinite, 68. largely, 69. pest, 70. maximum, 71. pave, 72. negative, 73. spark, 74. lever

75. as____t pavement *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
76. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
77. automatic ind_____on *n.* a cut, gap, or mark on the surface of something; the space left between the margin and the start of an indented line
78. take a s_p of beer *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
79. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
80. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
81. d_p a chip in the sauce *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
82. 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
83. absolutely op_____d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

ANSWERS: 75. asphalt, 76. steel, 77. indentation, 78. sip, 79. blur, 80. tradition, 81. dip, 82. discovery, 83. opposed

84. pi___p truck *n.* a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody
85. re___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
86. professional ba____a *n.* a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages
87. cl__f diving *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
88. 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
89. coffee with the ca____ne removed *n.* a stimulant drug that is found in coffee, tea, and other beverages and that is used to increase alertness and improve mental and physical performance
90. en____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 84. pickup, 85. resist, 86. barista, 87. cliff, 88. process, 89. caffeine, 90. encourage

91. de____t settings
- v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
92. a bold cl__f
- n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
93. the l_d of a box
- n. a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
94. 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
95. ex____t the data
- v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
96. two op____d characters
- adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
97. en____er a storm
- v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 91. default, 92. cliff, 93. lid, 94. bulb, 95. export, 96. opposed, 97. encounter

98. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
99. a tremor of de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
100. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
101. a backhanded com_____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
102. a truncated py_____d *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
103. mu__y perfume *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
104. draw out a sc____e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
105. gr____y mood *adj.* easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way
106. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
107. yield cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

ANSWERS: 98. shocking, 99. delight, 100. grateful, 101. compliment, 102. pyramid, 103. musky, 104. scheme, 105. grumpy, 106. invention, 107. curve

108. tha_____ing traditions *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
109. in_____te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
110. parched s__l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
111. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
112. sy__p bottle *n.* a sweet, thick liquid made by dissolving sugar in water, often flavored with fruit, spices, or other ingredients
113. co_____ee member *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
114. sp__k his interest *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
115. exit from a l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
116. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 108. thanksgiving, 109. infinite, 110. soil, 111. involve, 112. syrup, 113. committee, 114. spark, 115. loop, 116. opposition

117. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
118. he_____n head bolt *n.* a six-sided polygon with six angles and six sides of equal length
119. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
120. the m__d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
121. the ac_____y of the wine *n.* the level of acid content in a substance or environment; the quality of being sour or tart; sharpness or harshness in taste or manner
122. literary mas_____ce *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
123. nonsynthetic fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
124. many tem_____ons *n.* the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire
125. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
126. bas_____ze a recipe *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
127. support fai_____de practices *n.* a movement that promotes fair payment and working conditions for producers in developing nations, typically in the context of international trade

ANSWERS: 117. annoy, 118. hexagon, 119. aspiration, 120. mood, 121. acidity, 122. masterpiece, 123. fertilizer, 124. temptation, 125. grant, 126. bastardize, 127. fair-trade

128. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
129. a warm tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
130. ag_____ic world-view *n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
131. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
132. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
133. follow the tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
134. de_____t on the mortgage *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
135. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 128. psychology, 129. trail, 130. agnostic, 131. inspire, 132. chain, 133.

trail, 134. default, 135. economy

136. mi_____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
137. domiciliary c__es *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
138. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
139. diagnosis of an_____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
140. a debt of gr_____de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
141. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
142. have sur_____gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
143. 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
144. high ac_____y level *n.* the level of acid content in a substance or environment; the quality of being sour or tart; sharpness or harshness in taste or manner
145. water re_____ir *n.* a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something

ANSWERS: 136. miracle, 137. cave, 138. architect, 139. anxiety, 140. gratitude, 141. ritual, 142. surprisingly, 143. degree, 144. acidity, 145. reservoir

146. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
147. s_p a drink *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
148. in an ugly m__d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
149. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
150. d_p a pen in ink *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
151. sl__p noodles *v.* to eat, drink, or consume with a loud or messy sucking noise; to make a loud or messy sucking noise while eating, drinking, or consuming
152. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
153. tha_____ing parade *n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
154. ca_____ne intake *n.* a stimulant drug that is found in coffee, tea, and other beverages and that is used to increase alertness and improve mental and physical performance
155. nuclear s__o *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

ANSWERS: 146. annoy, 147. sip, 148. mood, 149. conversation, 150. dip, 151. slurp, 152. terrify, 153. thanksgiving, 154. caffeine, 155. silo

156. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
157. the exp_____ion of fossil resources *n.* the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful
158. ad_____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
159. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
160. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
161. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
162. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
163. fai_____de bananas *n.* a movement that promotes fair payment and working conditions for producers in developing nations, typically in the context of international trade
164. to___e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
165. up___t attitude *adj.* positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music

ANSWERS: 156. fabric, 157. exploitation, 158. adventure, 159. architect, 160. terrify, 161. invisible, 162. degree, 163. fair-trade, 164. tongue, 165. upbeat

166. a pilot sc___e	<i>n.</i> an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
167. en___h public services	<i>v.</i> to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
168. r__n the reputation	<i>v.</i> to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
169. opp_____on campaign	<i>n.</i> the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
170. en___h a gas with a balloon	<i>v.</i> to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
171. magnetic st__l	<i>n.</i> a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
172. all in a sw__t	<i>n.</i> the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
173. eve_____ly become obsolete	<i>adv.</i> finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
174. hollowed-out ch__k	<i>n.</i> either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
175. fr___y of activity	<i>n.</i> a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
176. l__o design	<i>n.</i> a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

ANSWERS: 166. scheme, 167. enrich, 168. ruin, 169. opposition, 170. enrich, 171. steel, 172. sweat, 173. eventually, 174. cheek, 175. frenzy, 176. logo

177. accept a com_____nt
n. an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
178. app_____ely 3 feet long
adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
179. 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
180. an intentional in____t
n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
181. the mouth of the c__e
n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
182. ca_____n industry
n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
183. com_____nt attitude
adj. satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
184. t_p keyboard with an index finger
v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
185. ba_____a skills
n. a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages

ANSWERS: 177. compliment, 178. approximately, 179. process, 180. insult, 181. cave, 182. cartoon, 183. complacent, 184. tap, 185. barista

186. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
187. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
188. pl___e my fidelity *v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something
189. ca_____n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
190. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
191. the common h__d *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
192. py_____d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
193. container l_d *n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
194. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
195. ge_____e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
196. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 186. tap, 187. bug, 188. pledge, 189. cartoon, 190. invisible, 191. herd, 192. pyramid, 193. lid, 194. quest, 195. gesture, 196. tradition

197. gastronomic ad_____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
198. maple sy__p *n.* a sweet, thick liquid made by dissolving sugar in water, often flavored with fruit, spices, or other ingredients
199. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
200. s__o organization *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
201. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
202. ch__k bone *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
203. an insect sp__y *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
204. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
205. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
206. co_____ee meeting *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

ANSWERS: 197. adventure, 198. syrup, 199. decide, 200. silo, 201. unfortunately, 202. cheek, 203. spray, 204. curve, 205. mindset, 206. committee

207. th__b a ride	<i>n.</i> the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
208. sl__p tea	<i>v.</i> to eat, drink, or consume with a loud or messy sucking noise; to make a loud or messy sucking noise while eating, drinking, or consuming
209. the qu__t for truth	<i>n.</i> a long or challenging search for something
210. eve_____ly succeed	<i>adv.</i> finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
211. im_____e a process	<i>v.</i> to make or become better
212. ch__n reaction	<i>n.</i> a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
213. co_____e chemically with another substance	<i>v.</i> to join or merge to form a single thing or group
214. gr__t a land	<i>v.</i> to agree to give or allow somebody
215. no asp_____on for fame	<i>n.</i> a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
216. d__t road	<i>n.</i> soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
217. sp__e parts	<i>adj.</i> additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
218. ac____d with public opinion	<i>n.</i> an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

ANSWERS: 207. thumb, 208. slurp, 209. quest, 210. eventually, 211. improve, 212. chain, 213. combine, 214. grant, 215. aspiration, 216. dirt, 217. spare, 218. accord

219. ar__a therapy	<i>n.</i> a distinctive, usually pleasant smell, often of a specific food, plant, or object
220. stylistically inn_____ve works	<i>adj.</i> introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
221. mi__r industry	<i>n.</i> a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth
222. a mas_____ce of design	<i>n.</i> a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
223. a broad ind_____on of the gulf	<i>n.</i> a cut, gap, or mark on the surface of something; the space left between the margin and the start of an indented line
224. a gr_____ul breeze	<i>adj.</i> feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
225. h__d of cattle	<i>n.</i> a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
226. have no up___e	<i>n.</i> the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
227. the Great Dep_____on	<i>n.</i> a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
228. the ma_____m speed	<i>adj.</i> the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
229. bank ca_____r	<i>n.</i> an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business

ANSWERS: 219. aroma, 220. innovative, 221. miner, 222. masterpiece, 223. indentation, 224. grateful, 225. herd, 226. upside, 227. depression, 228. maximum, 229. cashier

240. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
241. in____t each other *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
242. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
243. app_____ely same *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
244. sw__t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
245. common in _____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
246. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
247. as_____t driveway *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
248. hand ge _____e *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
249. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
250. jin_____ic attitudes *adj.* characterized by extreme patriotism and aggressive foreign policy; advocating for the use of military force or aggressive action to advance national interests

ANSWERS: 240. biology, 241. insult, 242. bias, 243. approximately, 244. sweat, 245. invention, 246. brain, 247. asphalt, 248. gesture, 249. transform, 250. jingoistic

251. ha____n clip *n.* a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply
252. pi____p and delivery service *n.* a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody
253. d__t track *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
254. 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
255. b_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
256. a chemical fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
257. withstand tem_____on *n.* the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire
258. sp__e cost *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

ANSWERS: 251. hairpin, 252. pickup, 253. dirt, 254. blur, 255. bud, 256. fertilizer, 257. temptation, 258. spare

259. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
260. v__d delicious meals *v.* to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop
261. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
262. 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
263. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
264. com_____nt with past successes *adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
265. gr___y cat *adj.* easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way
266. sur_____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
267. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
268. bo__t a long history *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
269. as_____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

ANSWERS: 259. overwhelming, 260. vend, 261. conversation, 262. discovery, 263. ruin, 264. complacent, 265. grumpy, 266. surprisingly, 267. predator, 268. boast, 269. astound

270. use of inn_____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
271. 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
272. re_____t deeper into their territory *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
273. remain up____t about the future *adj.* positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music
274. bas_____ze culture *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
275. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
276. pinch off a b_d *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
277. with de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
278. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 270. innovative, 271. bulb, 272. retreat, 273. upbeat, 274. bastardize, 275. overwhelming, 276. bud, 277. delight, 278. encounter

279. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
280. a hand-loomed fa___c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
281. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
282. w__p into shape *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
283. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
284. cr__k handle *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
285. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
286. positive feedback l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
287. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
288. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor

ANSWERS: 279. embarrass, 280. fabric, 281. transform, 282. whip, 283. bias, 284. crank, 285. pave, 286. loop, 287. biology, 288. poverty

289. a re_____ir of facts *n.* a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something
290. ma__e tree *n.* a tall tree with five-pointed leaves that turn brilliant crimson or yellow in the fall that grows in the northern region
291. economic mi_____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
292. built-in mic_____ne *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
293. pl___e military assistance *v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something
294. mi__r strike *n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

ANSWERS: 289. reservoir, 290. maple, 291. miracle, 292. microphone, 293. pledge, 294. miner

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.
n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
2. The garden was filled with _____ and needed to be tilled before planting.
n. soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
3. Necessity is the mother of _____.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
4. The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a _____ of art.
n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
5. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see
6. He gently touched her apple-red _____ and whispered that he loved her.
n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
7. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
8. I always try to buy _____ coffee to support ethical farming practices.
n. a movement that promotes fair payment and working conditions for producers in developing nations, typically in the context of international trade

ANSWERS: 1. mood, 2. dirt, 3. invention, 4. masterpiece, 5. invisible, 6. cheek, 7. aspiration, 8. fair-trade

9. The machine pumps up crude oil from a deep underground _____.
- n.* a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something
10. She made a facial _____ to express disagreement.
- n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
11. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
- n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
12. The _____ of the new policy was that it would be more expensive for customers.
- n.* the negative aspects or consequences of something; the potential for loss or failure
13. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
14. The gardener used natural methods to keep _____ away from her plants.
- n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome
15. The _____ scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.
- adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
16. 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

ANSWERS: 9. reservoir, 10. gesture, 11. mindset, 12. downside, 13. decide, 14. pests, 15. musky, 16. brain

17. The fishing reel had a _____ that made it easy to reel in the catch.

n. a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

18. She was _____ about starting her new job.

adj. having or showing great excitement, interest, or eagerness; energetic or passionate about something

19. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.

v. to frighten someone very much

20. The fire ruined all the food stored in the _____.

n. a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops

21. This trail takes _____ 2.5 hours.

adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

22. The jockey _____ the horse hard to take first place.

v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

23. Our system can now _____ with other databases.

v. to connect similar things

24. The _____ rhetoric of the political candidate was unsettling to many.

adj. characterized by extreme patriotism and aggressive foreign policy; advocating for the use of military force or aggressive action to advance national interests

ANSWERS: 17. crank, 18. enthusiastic, 19. terrify, 20. warehouse, 21. approximately, 22. whipped, 23. interconnect, 24. jingoistic

25. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.

- v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

26. The _____ older man snapped at the children for playing too loudly.

- adj.* easily annoyed or irritable; inclined to complain or show dissatisfaction, often in an ill-tempered way

27. The final result was nothing short of _____.

- v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much

28. The flower was starting to show its ____ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

- n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

29. Her scientific background led her to be _____ about the existence of a higher power.

- n.* a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

30. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

- n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

31. The ad hoc _____ met to discuss the proposal.

- n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

32. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

- n.* the condition of being extremely poor

ANSWERS: 25. exports, 26. grumpy, 27. astounding, 28. bud, 29. agnostic, 30. curve, 31. committee, 32. poverty

33. He used his right _____ to press the button on his phone.

n. the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

34. His anti-_____ practices were quite strict.

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

35. Her _____ made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

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

36. The _____ music helped to lift her spirits and put her in a good mood.

adj. positive, optimistic, or enthusiastic in attitude or outlook; having a lively or energetic rhythm or tempo, especially in music

37. Please _____ up a bucketful of water from the well.

v. to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again

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

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

39. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

40. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 33. thumb, 34. luxury, 35. compliment, 36. upbeat, 37. dip, 38. overwhelming, 39. tradition, 40. biology

41. He opened the ____ of the jar to reveal the contents inside.

n. a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container

42. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

43. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

44. The artist used a _____ paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.

n. a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

45. Strategic _____ of cutting-edge technology would be a sure formula for success.

n. the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful

46. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

47. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

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

48. 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

ANSWERS: 41. lid, 42. surprisingly, 43. component, 44. spray, 45. exploitation, 46. infinite, 47. creditor, 48. process

49. The local _____ was able to vend all of his fresh produce by the end of the day.
- v. to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop
50. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
51. The interviewer asked him to speak into the _____.
- n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
52. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
53. That incident led to his _____.
- n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
54. The shoppers were _____ to get the best deals on Black Friday.
- n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
55. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
56. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
- v. to make or become better

ANSWERS: 49. vendor, 50. conversation, 51. microphone, 52. involves, 53. isolation, 54. frenzy, 55. prayed, 56. improve

57. He _____ his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

58. She experienced headaches and fatigue as symptoms of _____ withdrawal after quitting coffee.

n. a stimulant drug that is found in coffee, tea, and other beverages and that is used to increase alertness and improve mental and physical performance

59. After working as a _____ for a few years, she was promoted to a managerial position within the grocery store.

n. an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business

60. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

61. She mixed the _____ with water to make a sweet drink.

n. a sweet, thick liquid made by dissolving sugar in water, often flavored with fruit, spices, or other ingredients

62. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

63. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

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

64. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

ANSWERS: 57. sipped, 58. caffeine, 59. cashier, 60. tap, 61. syrup, 62. adventures, 63. negative, 64. quest

65. Many people go on a _____ to recharge and reconnect with themselves.
n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
66. The country saw an _____ in tourism after the new airport was built.
n. a sudden and significant increase, a rise, or surge in something, especially in intensity or frequency
67. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
68. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it
adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
69. The company's _____ was on the side of the building.
n. a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
70. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
71. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
72. 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

ANSWERS: 65. retreat, 66. upsurge, 67. encouraged, 68. faked, 69. logo, 70. predator's, 71. unfortunately, 72. discovery

73. I'll be waiting for you in front of the café at 6 PM, so be on time for our _____.

- n.* a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody

74. He was riding _____ on the sheep during the day.

- n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock

75. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.

- adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

76. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

- v.* to agree to give or allow somebody

77. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

- n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

78. The national emblem of Canada is a _____ leaf.

- n.* a tall tree with five-pointed leaves that turn brilliant crimson or yellow in the fall that grows in the northern region

79. She expressed her _____ towards the kind stranger who helped her.

- n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

80. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.

- v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

ANSWERS: 73. pickup, 74. herd, 75. opposed, 76. granted, 77. Soil, 78. maple, 79. gratitude, 80. enriches

81. The _____ of freshly baked bread filled the kitchen.

n. a distinctive, usually pleasant smell, often of a specific food, plant, or object

82. _____ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

83. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

84. Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of _____.

n. a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

85. The honeycomb structure of a beehive is made up of _____.

n. a six-sided polygon with six angles and six sides of equal length

86. Bats reside in sheltered _____.

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

87. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

88. At this ceremony, We will _____ allegiance to the country's flag.

v. to make a formal promise to give or do something

89. The child couldn't resist _____ her soup loudly at the dinner table.

v. to eat, drink, or consume with a loud or messy sucking noise; to make a loud or messy sucking noise while eating, drinking, or consuming

ANSWERS: 81. aroma, 82. Depression, 83. ritual, 84. fertilizers, 85. hexagons, 86. caves, 87. resist, 88. pledge, 89. slurping

90. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
 - (verb) allow to have
91. 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
92. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.
- v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
93. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
94. My family gathers together every year for _____ dinner.
- n.* an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada, typically observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the U.S. and on the second Monday in October in Canada, that commemorates the giving of thanks for the blessings of the previous year
95. The storm left a _____ of destruction behind it.
- n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
96. The _____ at my favorite coffee shop always makes the perfect latte.
- n.* a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages
97. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 90. accord, 91. degree, 92. annoy, 93. combine, 94. thanksgiving, 95. trail, 96. barista, 97. transformed

98. This town _____ a national park.

- v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

99. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.

- n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

100. 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

101. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.

- n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

102. The road crew was laying fresh _____ on the highway.

- n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

103. She was _____ for the help he provided.

- adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

104. He stood at the edge of the _____ and looked out to sea.

- n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

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

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

ANSWERS: 98. boasts, 99. miracle, 100. inspired, 101. steel, 102. asphalt, 103. grateful, 104. cliff, 105. lever

106. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
107. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.
- adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
108. She had a master's degree in _____.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
109. 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
110. She waited for her daughter with _____.
- n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
111. The coal _____ worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.
- n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth
112. The soil's _____ was too high for the plants to grow correctly.
- n.* the level of acid content in a substance or environment; the quality of being sour or tart; sharpness or harshness in taste or manner

ANSWERS: 106. economy, 107. shocking, 108. psychology, 109. blur, 110. anxiety, 111. miner, 112. acidity

113. The farmer used a _____ to store feed for the animals.

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

114. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

115. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

116. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

117. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

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

118. I made plans to spend my _____ time beneficially.

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

119. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

120. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

ANSWERS: 113. silo, 114. tongue, 115. eventually, 116. opposition, 117. embarrass, 118. spare, 119. largely, 120. loop

121. He became _____ in his job and stopped trying to improve.
adj. satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
122. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
123. 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
124. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.
n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
125. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate _____ turmoil in the stock market.
v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
126. She carefully navigated her way around the _____ turns on the mountain road.
n. a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply
127. The Egyptian _____ consist of a vast number of blocks.
n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 121. complacent, 122. delight, 123. upside, 124. fabrics, 125. sparked, 126. hairpin, 127. pyramids

128. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

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

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

130. She researched gender _____ in politics.

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

131. Archaeologists found a slight _____ in the middle of the lower jawbone on a bone excavated from that historic site.

n. a cut, gap, or mark on the surface of something; the space left between the margin and the start of an indented line

132. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

133. I found a stink ____ crawling across the ceiling.

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

134. 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

135. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

ANSWERS: 128. innovative, 129. encounter, 130. bias, 131. indentation, 132. ruined, 133. bug, 134. bulb, 135. scheme

136. She wiped the _____ off her forehead with a towel.

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

137. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

138. We do not want to _____ the text's original meaning through poor translations.

v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

139. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

140. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

141. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

142. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

143. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

ANSWERS: 136. sweat, 137. maximum, 138. bastardize, 139. progression, 140. insult, 141. cartoon, 142. paved, 143. chain

144. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

145. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

146. Researchers often succumb to the _____ of accolades and commit research misconduct.

n. the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire

147. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

ANSWERS: 144. yelled, 145. architect, 146. temptation, 147. default