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Session 1: Word List

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

alter

v. to cause to change or make different

synonym: change, vary, adjust

(1) **alter** a decision, (2) **alter** data in a file

The design of the webpage has **altered** slightly.

substance

n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

synonym: essence, core, material

(1) an explosive **substance**, (2) **substance** abuse problem

The **substance** of the argument was well-presented.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym: idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym: being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym: extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

midsummer

n. the middle of the summer season; traditionally, the time around the summer solstice (= the longest day of the year) and the period of greatest warmth and light

synonym: solstice, longest day, high summer

(1) **midsummer** night, (2) **midsummer** festival

The **midsummer** heat made it difficult to work outside for too long.

psychedelic

adj. relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs

synonym: trippy, hallucinogenic, mind-bending

(1) **psychedelic** therapy, (2) **psychedelic** art

The Beatles' **psychedelic** music was a hallmark of the 1960s counterculture movement.

frisky

adj. playful, lively, and full of energy; inclined towards playfulness, particularly in a flirtatious or mischievous way

synonym: playful, sportful, lively

(1) **frisky** young couple, (2) **frisky** behavior

The **frisky** puppy ran around the yard, playing with its toys.

trickery

n. the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation

synonym : deception, deceit, chicanery

(1) political **trickery**, (2) cunning **trickery**

He achieved the illusion through clever **trickery** that left the audience in awe.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym : crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

magic

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

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

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

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

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.

rollicking

adj. lively, carefree, and boisterous, often to the point of being wild or unruly

synonym : lively, stirring, rollicking

(1) **rollicking** carnival, (2) **rollicking** comedy

The **rollicking** party went on late into the night, with music and laughter filling the whole house.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym : gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym: scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

collision

n. an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict

synonym: crash, impact, smash

(1) **collision** detection, (2) come into **collision** with my friend

The **collision** of tectonic plates can result in new mountain ranges, such as the Himalayas or the Alps.

dissolution

n. the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization

synonym: disintegration, decay, breakup

(1) **dissolution** of a company, (2) **dissolution** of the sugar

The **dissolution** of the partnership was a difficult and emotional process.

mock

v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

synonym: gibe (or jibe), make fun of, laugh at

(1) **mock** his accent, (2) **mock** at his misfortune

It is impolite to **mock** fun of an international student's English mistakes.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

comic

adj. funny and making you laugh

synonym: amusing, funny, humorous

(1) **comic** books, (2) a **comic** hat

The novel is **comic** and tragic.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym: wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel

He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym: modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

boundary

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

synonym: border, frontier, limitation

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

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

separate

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

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

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

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

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym: abnormal, freaky, outlandish

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

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

bard

n. a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song

synonym: poet, minstrel, troubadour

(1) medieval **bard**, (2) a famous **bard**

The **bard's** performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.

rigid

adj. extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

synonym: strict, inflexible, stringent

(1) **rigid** rules, (2) **rigid** structure

He was unpopular because of his **rigid** adherence to the rules.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym: different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

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.

mortal

adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

synonym: deathly, perishable, non-eternal

(1) a **mortal** combat, (2) this **mortal** life

All humans are **mortal** and will eventually die.

rage

n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

synonym: fury, anger, outrage

(1) uncontrollable **rage**, (2) fall into a **rage**

She was filled with a burning **rage** at the injustice she had witnessed.

forbidden

adj. not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

synonym: prohibited, banned, illegal

(1) **forbidden** words, (2) **forbidden** love

Taking photographs inside the museum is **forbidden**.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

elope

v. to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

synonym: run away, abscond, escape

(1) **elope** secretly, (2) **elope** together

The young couple decided to **elope** instead of having a traditional wedding ceremony.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

complicated

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

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

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

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

decision

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

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

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

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

mechanical

adj. operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

synonym : machinelike, automated, automatic

(1) a **mechanical** style of writing, (2) the influence of **mechanical** action

A **mechanical** engineer is still in demand in many companies.

troupe

n. a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production

synonym : company, ensemble, group

(1) **troupe** rehearsal, (2) circus **troupe**

The theater **troupe** is performing Hamlet this weekend.

rehearse

v. to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

synonym : practice, recite, drill

(1) **rehearse** an opera, (2) **rehearse** a speech

The actors needed to **rehearse** their lines before the performance.

jovial

adj. characterized by a warm and friendly nature; marked by hearty, good-natured humor or lightheartedness

synonym : jolly, gleeful, merry

(1) **jovial** atmosphere, (2) **jovial** personality

The **jovial** host made sure all of his guests felt welcome.

nick

n. a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
synonym : incision, dent, indentation

(1) a **nick** on the fender of a car, (2) **nick** on my hand
The interviewer arrived in a **nick** of time.

unbeknownst

adv. without the knowledge or awareness of someone;
without someone's knowledge or participation

synonym : secretly, covertly

(1) **unbeknownst** to me, (2) **unbeknownst** to any of us
Unbeknownst to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.

fairy

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

synonym : sprite, pixie, elf

(1) **fairy** tale, (2) a water **fairy**

The mischievous **fairy** flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

splendor

n. great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence

synonym : brightness, magnificence, grandeur

(1) **splendor** of nature, (2) **splendor** of art

The **splendor** of the palace was breathtaking.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

command

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction,

or to be in charge or control of something

synonym : control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

trickster

n. a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology

synonym : swindler, cheat, deceiver

(1) **trickster** character, (2) cunning **trickster**

The con artist was known as a notorious **trickster** who scammed people out of their money.

puck

n. a small, hard rubber disc used in ice hockey and other related games; a mischievous or playful sprite or demon in folklore and mythology

synonym : disc, rubber

(1) hockey **puck**, (2) **puck** handling

The hockey player took a shot but missed the **puck** entirely.

squeeze

v. to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

synonym : compress, crush, clamp

(1) **squeeze** a lemon, (2) **squeeze** a confession

She **squeezed** the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.

glee

n. a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

synonym : delight, happiness, joy

(1) jumping for **glee**, (2) **glee** club

The children's faces were filled with **glee** as they ran around

the playground.

sprinkler

n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

synonym : sprayer, irrigation system

(1) road **sprinkler**, (2) **sprinkler** irrigation

The **sprinkler** system kept the lawn green and healthy.

nap

n. a short sleep, especially during the day

synonym : rest, doze, drowse

(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**

She woke the kids up from their **nap**.

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.

donkey

n. a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person

synonym : horse, burro, mule

(1) male **donkey**, (2) **donkey** ride

The little boy rode the **donkey** at the county fair.

flicker

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

synonym : flash, spark, glimmer

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

The fireflies **flickered** in the darkness.

chaos

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

synonym : disorder, turmoil, confusion

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

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

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym: change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

bewitch

v. to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way

synonym: charm, enchant, fascinate

(1) hold the charm to **bewitch**, (2) **bewitch** him into a frog

Her beauty **bewitched** him.

lavish

adj. large in amount and expensive or impressive

synonym: grate, grand, splendid

(1) **lavish** lifestyle, (2) enjoy a **lavish** trip abroad

He has earned **lavish** praise for his achievement.

treasure

n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

synonym: hoard, fortune, gem

(1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island

The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.

sweep

v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

synonym : clean, clear, brush off

(1) **sweep** up dead leaves, (2) **sweep** a room with a glance
The politician tried to **sweep** the embarrassing incident under the rug.

transfigure

v. to change the appearance or form of something completely to make it appear more beautiful or magnificent

synonym : transform, metamorphose, transmute

(1) **transfigure** the appearance, (2) **transfigure** a landscape

The magical spell was able to **transfigure** the prince into a frog.

pluck

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

synonym : grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym : lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

moonbeam

n. a ray of light from the moon; a poetic or metaphorical reference to moonlight or something peaceful and ethereal

synonym : moonlight, ray, beam

(1) **moonbeam** reflection, (2) silver **moonbeam**

The dreamy light of the **moonbeam** lent the forest a magical quality.

- nod**
- v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
- synonym* : respond, acknowledge, greet
- (1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously
- She **noded** quietly in response to the question.
- elf**
- n.* a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers
- synonym* : sprite, pixie, faerie
- (1) mischievous **elf**, (2) helpful **elf**
- I dressed up as an **elf** for the Christmas party.
- courtesy**
- n.* polite behavior or remark that shows respect for other people
- synonym* : civility, politeness, respect
- (1) **courtesy** call, (2) fail to show **courtesy**
- Different cultures have different ways of expressing **courtesy**.
- catalyst**
- n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
- synonym* : accelerator, stimulant, motivation
- (1) a **catalyst** in the process of hydrolysis, (2) **catalyst** for reform
- The global financial crisis acted as a **catalyst** to unite the country.
- drama**
- n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
- synonym* : acting, play, theater
- (1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**
- She had an audition for **drama** school.

nonsensical

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

synonym : absurd, illogical, irrational

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

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

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

bow

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

synonym : bend, curve, arch

(1) **bow** and greet, (2) a **bow** wave

She **bowed** to the audience after her performance.

erratic

adj. characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality

synonym : unpredictable, irregular, unstable

(1) **erratic** behavior, (2) **erratic** movements

The stock market has been behaving in an **erratic** manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.

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.

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

synonym : deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void

The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

imp

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

synonym : demon, sprite, mischievous child

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

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

query

n. a question or inquiry, often used in the context of research, information-gathering, or data analysis; a request for information

synonym : question, inquiry, investigation

(1) **query** language, (2) **query** result

I had a **query** about my bank statement and called customer service for an explanation.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym : shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym : insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

mend

v. to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged

synonym : fix, repair, rectify

(1) **mend** broken relationship, (2) **mend** my ways

He **mended** the torn shirt with a needle and thread.

slumber

n. a state of sleep, especially a light sleep; (verb) to be asleep, or to take a nap

synonym: sleep, doze, snooze

(1) fall into a **slumber**, (2) **slumber** in class

She couldn't resist the temptation to **slumber** on the couch after lunch.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

evoke

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

synonym: arouse, raise, inspire

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

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

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym: delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

dram

n. a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages

synonym: drachm, whisky, scotch

(1) have not one **dram** of learning, (2) scotch **dram**

He poured himself a **dram** of whiskey to relax after a long day at work.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true
synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

Session 2: Spelling

1. jo___l atmosphere *adj.* characterized by a warm and friendly nature; marked by hearty, good-natured humor or lightheartedness
2. re___r the contract void *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
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7. bi_____e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
8. have no up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
9. p__k handling *n.* a small, hard rubber disc used in ice hockey and other related games; a mischievous or playful sprite or demon in folklore and mythology

ANSWERS: 1. jovial, 2. render, 3. forbidden, 4. rehearse, 5. squeeze, 6. midsummer, 7. bizarre, 8. upside, 9. puck

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13. fu____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
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21. ri__d structure *adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

ANSWERS: 10. trickery, 11. offend, 12. evoke, 13. furious, 14. rage, 15. frisky, 16. transfigure, 17. bizarre, 18. decision, 19. twist, 20. complicated, 21. rigid

22. a famous b__d *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
23. hockey p__k *n.* a small, hard rubber disc used in ice hockey and other related games; a mischievous or playful sprite or demon in folklore and mythology
24. scotch d__m *n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
25. the influence of mec_____al action *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
26. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
27. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
28. psy_____ic therapy *adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs
29. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
30. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 22. bard, 23. puck, 24. dram, 25. mechanical, 26. overlook, 27. possibility, 28. psychedelic, 29. eventually, 30. plot

31. se____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
32. b_w and greet *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
33. di____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
34. tr____e rehearsal *n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
35. pl__k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
36. mischievous e_f *n.* a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers
37. unb_____st to any of us *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
38. fa__y tale *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
39. ch__s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
40. je____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

ANSWERS: 31. separate, 32. bow, 33. distinct, 34. troupe, 35. pluck, 36. elf, 37. unbeknownst, 38. fairy, 39. chaos, 40. jealousy

41. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
42. geographical bo_____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
43. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
44. market up___e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
45. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
46. a mec_____al style of writing *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
47. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
48. er_____c behavior *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
49. a co__c hat *adj.* funny and making you laugh
50. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

ANSWERS: 41. vision, 42. boundary, 43. ancient, 44. upside, 45. shadow, 46. mechanical, 47. creature, 48. erratic, 49. comic, 50. dimension

51. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
52. qu__y language *n.* a question or inquiry, often used in the context of research, information-gathering, or data analysis; a request for information
53. la___h lifestyle *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
54. co__c books *adj.* funny and making you laugh
55. mi_____er festival *n.* the middle of the summer season; traditionally, the time around the summer solstice (= the longest day of the year) and the period of greatest warmth and light
56. unb_____st to me *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
57. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
58. telescopic vi__n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
59. this mo__l life *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
60. qu__y result *n.* a question or inquiry, often used in the context of research, information-gathering, or data analysis; a request for information

ANSWERS: 51. sneak, 52. query, 53. lavish, 54. comic, 55. midsummer, 56. unbeknownst, 57. transform, 58. vision, 59. mortal, 60. query

61. di____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
62. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
63. do___y ride *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
64. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
65. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
66. silver mo_____am *n.* a ray of light from the moon; a poetic or metaphorical reference to moonlight or something peaceful and ethereal
67. behave like an i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
68. g__e club *n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
69. sp_____or of nature *n.* great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence
70. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

ANSWERS: 61. disrupt, 62. contemporary, 63. donkey, 64. transform, 65. dimension, 66. moonbeam, 67. imp, 68. glee, 69. splendor, 70. sneak

71. sp____or of art *n.* great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence
72. su_____ce abuse problem *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
73. of___d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
74. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
75. non_____al idea *adj.* lacking in sense or meaning; absurd, irrational, or illogical
76. re___r an assessment *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
77. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
78. male do___y *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
79. a water fa__y *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
80. jo___l personality *adj.* characterized by a warm and friendly nature; marked by hearty, good-natured humor or lightheartedness

ANSWERS: 71. splendor, 72. substance, 73. offend, 74. transformation, 75. nonsensical, 76. render, 77. fan, 78. donkey, 79. fairy, 80. jovial

81. ri__d rules *adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending
82. er____c movements *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
83. def____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
84. sw__p up dead leaves *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
85. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
86. co____sy call *n.* polite behavior or remark that shows respect for other people
87. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
88. mistaken id____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
89. sp____er irrigation *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
90. pro____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

ANSWERS: 81. rigid, 82. erratic, 83. definitely, 84. sweep, 85. nod, 86. courtesy, 87. pace, 88. identity, 89. sprinkler, 90. progression

101. enjoy a la___h trip abroad *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
102. come into co_____on with my friend *n.* an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict
103. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
104. secular dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
105. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
106. al__r a decision *v.* to cause to change or make different
107. have not one d__m of learning *n.* a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages
108. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
109. hold the charm to be_____h *v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
110. sq_____e a confession *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
111. m__k at his misfortune *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
112. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

ANSWERS: 101. lavish, 102. collision, 103. jealousy, 104. drama, 105. ancient, 106. alter, 107. dram, 108. contemporary, 109. bewitch, 110. squeeze, 111. mock, 112. complicated

113. a fu____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
114. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
115. an explosive su____ce *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
116. the runner's p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
117. fo_____en words *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
118. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
119. rol_____ng comedy *adj.* lively, carefree, and boisterous, often to the point of being wild or unruly
120. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
121. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
122. non_____al statement *adj.* lacking in sense or meaning; absurd, irrational, or illogical

ANSWERS: 113. furious, 114. decision, 115. substance, 116. pace, 117. forbidden, 118. progression, 119. rollicking, 120. possibility, 121. shadow, 122. nonsensical

123. upcoming crime dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
124. a n__k on the fender of a car *n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
125. co_____on detection *n.* an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict
126. fall into a r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
127. medieval b__d *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
128. be_____h him into a frog *v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
129. tr_____er character *n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology
130. m__d broken relationship *v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
131. pl__k out weeds *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
132. n__k on my hand *n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
133. ro_____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
134. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 123. drama, 124. nick, 125. collision, 126. rage, 127. bard, 128. bewitch, 129. trickster, 130. mend, 131. pluck, 132. nick, 133. romantic, 134. eventually

135. psy_____ic art *adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs
136. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
137. fl_____r every two seconds *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
138. co_____d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
139. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
140. sw__p a room with a glance *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
141. political tr_____ry *n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation
142. road sp_____er *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

ANSWERS: 135. psychedelic, 136. twist, 137. flicker, 138. command, 139. structure, 140. sweep, 141. trickery, 142. sprinkler

143. sl____r in class *n.* a state of sleep, especially a light sleep; (verb) to be asleep, or to take a nap
144. tra_____re a landscape *v.* to change the appearance or form of something completely to make it appear more beautiful or magnificent
145. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
146. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
147. take a n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
148. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
149. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
150. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
151. midst of ch__s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
152. rol_____ng carnival *adj.* lively, carefree, and boisterous, often to the point of being wild or unruly
153. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 143. slumber, 144. transfigure, 145. obsession, 146. obsession, 147. nap, 148. definitely, 149. boundary, 150. separate, 151. chaos, 152. rollicking, 153. magic

154. dis_____on of a company *n.* the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization
155. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
156. fail to show co_____sy *n.* polite behavior or remark that shows respect for other people
157. co_____d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
158. a mo___l combat *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
159. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
160. circus tr___e *n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
161. the il_____on of being in the forest *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

ANSWERS: 154. dissolution, 155. pursue, 156. courtesy, 157. command, 158. mortal, 159. fan, 160. troupe, 161. illusion

162. m__k his accent *v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
163. tr____re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
164. helpful e_f *n.* a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers
165. el__e secretly *v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends
166. optical il____on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
167. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
168. artificial cr____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
169. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
170. re____se a speech *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
171. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
172. st____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 162. mock, 163. treasure, 164. elf, 165. elope, 166. illusion, 167. mad, 168. creature, 169. nod, 170. rehearse, 171. mad, 172. structure

173. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
174. di____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
175. ma____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
176. a little i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
177. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
178. fl____r out like a candle *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
179. dis____on of the sugar *n.* the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization
180. di____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
181. a b_w wave *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

ANSWERS: 173. plot, 174. disrupt, 175. magical, 176. imp, 177. pursue, 178. flicker, 179. dissolution, 180. distinct, 181. bow

182. daytime n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
183. ca_____st for reform *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
184. mo_____am reflection *n.* a ray of light from the moon; a poetic or metaphorical reference to moonlight or something peaceful and ethereal
185. ro_____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
186. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
187. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
188. fr_____y behavior *adj.* playful, lively, and full of energy; inclined towards playfulness, particularly in a flirtatious or mischievous way
189. jumping for g__e *n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
190. fall into a sl_____r *n.* a state of sleep, especially a light sleep; (verb) to be asleep, or to take a nap

ANSWERS: 182. nap, 183. catalyst, 184. moonbeam, 185. romantic, 186. overlook, 187. identity, 188. frisky, 189. glee, 190. slumber

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The children's faces were filled with _____ as they ran around the playground.
n. a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

2. The dreamy light of the _____ lent the forest a magical quality.
n. a ray of light from the moon; a poetic or metaphorical reference to moonlight or something peaceful and ethereal

3. It was his first _____ love.
adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

4. He achieved the illusion through clever _____ that left the audience in awe.
n. the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation

5. The mischievous _____ flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.
n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

6. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

7. She was filled with a burning _____ at the injustice she had witnessed.
n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

ANSWERS: 1. glee, 2. moonbeam, 3. romantic, 4. trickery, 5. fairy, 6. magical, 7. rage

8. She _____ the flowers off the bush.

- v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

9. A _____ engineer is still in demand in many companies.

- adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

10. Taking photographs inside the museum is _____.

- adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

11. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.

- n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

12. The Beatles' _____ music was a hallmark of the 1960s counterculture movement.

- adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs

13. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

14. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

- n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

15. The magical spell was able to _____ the prince into a frog.

- v.* to change the appearance or form of something completely to make it appear more beautiful or magnificent

ANSWERS: 8. plucked, 9. mechanical, 10. forbidden, 11. pace, 12. psychedelic, 13. vision, 14. jealousy, 15. transfigure

16. The _____ puppy ran around the yard, playing with its toys.
adj. playful, lively, and full of energy; inclined towards playfulness, particularly in a flirtatious or mischievous way
17. It is impolite to _____ fun of an international student's English mistakes.
v. to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way
18. She couldn't resist the temptation to _____ on the couch after lunch.
n. a state of sleep, especially a light sleep; (verb) to be asleep, or to take a nap
19. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
20. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
21. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.
v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
22. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.
adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
23. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.
n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
24. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

ANSWERS: 16. frisky, 17. mock, 18. slumber, 19. transformations, 20. transformed, 21. sneak, 22. definitely, 23. illusion, 24. overlook

25. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.
adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type
26. Different cultures have different ways of expressing _____.
n. polite behavior or remark that shows respect for other people
27. The _____ of the palace was breathtaking.
n. great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence
28. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.
n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
29. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
30. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.
n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
31. The novel is _____ and tragic.
adj. funny and making you laugh
32. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 25. distinct, 26. courtesy, 27. splendor, 28. chaos, 29. shadow, 30. boundary, 31. comic, 32. separate

33. The jury must _____ a decision on this complex case.

- v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

34. The interviewer arrived in a _____ of time.

- n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge

35. The _____ host made sure all of his guests felt welcome.

- adj.* characterized by a warm and friendly nature; marked by hearty, good-natured humor or lightheartedness

36. The hockey player took a shot but missed the _____ entirely.

- n.* a small, hard rubber disc used in ice hockey and other related games; a mischievous or playful sprite or demon in folklore and mythology

37. The global financial crisis acted as a _____ to unite the country.

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

38. 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

39. _____ to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.

- adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation

40. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

ANSWERS: 33. render, 34. nick, 35. jovial, 36. puck, 37. catalyst, 38. progression, 39. Unbeknownst, 40. eventually

41. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
adj. extremely angry; full of rage
42. The _____ system kept the lawn green and healthy.
n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
43. I dressed up as an ____ for the Christmas party.
n. a mythical creature typically depicted as a small, mischievous being with pointed ears and magical powers
44. The little boy rode the _____ at the county fair.
n. a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
45. The comedian's jokes could have been more _____ and confused the audience.
adj. lacking in sense or meaning; absurd, irrational, or illogical
46. The _____ party went on late into the night, with music and laughter filling the whole house.
adj. lively, carefree, and boisterous, often to the point of being wild or unruly
47. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
48. This movie is likely to _____ strong emotions in the viewer.
v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

ANSWERS: 41. furious, 42. sprinkler, 43. elf, 44. donkey, 45. nonsensical, 46. rollicking, 47. magic, 48. evoke

49. The truth was more _____ than expected.

adj. very strange or unusual

50. I had a _____ about my bank statement and called customer service for an explanation.

n. a question or inquiry, often used in the context of research, information-gathering, or data analysis; a request for information

51. The stock market has been behaving in an _____ manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.

adj. characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality

52. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

53. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

54. All humans are _____ and will eventually die.

adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

55. He poured himself a _____ of whiskey to relax after a long day at work.

n. a small unit of weight used for measuring liquids, particularly whiskey and other alcoholic beverages

56. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 49. bizarre, 50. query, 51. erratic, 52. dimensions, 53. identity, 54. mortal, 55. dram, 56. plot

57. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

58. The con artist was known as a notorious _____ who scammed people out of their money.

- n.* a person or character who uses cunning and deceit to achieve their goals, often in traditional folklore or mythology

59. He was unpopular because of his _____ adherence to the rules.

- adj.* extremely strict and difficult to change or adapt; incapable of or resistant to bending

60. The actors needed to _____ their lines before the performance.

- v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

61. She _____ quietly in response to the question.

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

62. 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

63. The general gave a _____ to his troops to prepare for battle.

- n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

ANSWERS: 57. disrupt, 58. trickster, 59. rigid, 60. rehearse, 61. nodded, 62. upside, 63. command

64. The pirates searched for buried _____ in the dunes.

n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

65. She had an audition for _____ school.

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

66. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

67. He has earned _____ praise for his achievement.

adj. large in amount and expensive or impressive

68. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

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

69. The _____ performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.

n. a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song

70. The mischievous _____ caused trouble wherever it went.

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

71. The _____ of the partnership was a difficult and emotional process.

n. the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization

ANSWERS: 64. treasure, 65. drama, 66. possibility, 67. lavish, 68. complicated, 69. bard's, 70. imp, 71. dissolution

72. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.
v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
73. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
n. a living being, especially an animal
74. The theater _____ is performing Hamlet this weekend.
n. a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
75. The fireflies _____ in the darkness.
v. to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
76. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
77. The _____ of tectonic plates can result in new mountain ranges, such as the Himalayas or the Alps.
n. an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict
78. The _____ heat made it difficult to work outside for too long.
n. the middle of the summer season; traditionally, the time around the summer solstice (= the longest day of the year) and the period of greatest warmth and light
79. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.
adj. belonging to the same or present time

ANSWERS: 72. offended, 73. creature, 74. troupe, 75. flickered, 76. ancient, 77. collision, 78. midsummer, 79. Contemporary

80. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
81. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.
- v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
82. She _____ to the audience after her performance.
- v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
83. The design of the webpage has _____ slightly.
- v.* to cause to change or make different
84. She woke the kids up from their _____.
- n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
85. Her beauty _____ him.
- v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
86. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
87. She _____ the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.
- v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

ANSWERS: 80. structure, 81. twisted, 82. bowed, 83. altered, 84. nap, 85. bewitched, 86. decision, 87. squeezed

88. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
- n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
89. She intends to _____ a political career.
- v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
90. The _____ of the argument was well-presented.
- n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
91. I'm a big ___ of French food.
- n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
92. He was ___ with joy to see the results.
- adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
93. He _____ the torn shirt with a needle and thread.
- v.* to repair or fix something that is broken or damaged
94. The politician tried to _____ the embarrassing incident under the rug.
- v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
95. The young couple decided to _____ instead of having a traditional wedding ceremony.
- v.* to run away secretly to get married, often without the consent or knowledge of one's family or friends

ANSWERS: 88. obsession, 89. pursue, 90. substance, 91. fan, 92. mad, 93. mended, 94. sweep, 95. elope

ANSWERS: