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Session 1: Word List

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

shore

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

synonym: coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

fascinate

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

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

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.

movement

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

synonym : motion, progression, action

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

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

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym : exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

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.

unrelenting

adj. not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

synonym : relentless, persistent, unyielding

(1) **unrelenting** pressure, (2) **unrelenting** pursuit

The **unrelenting** heat made it difficult to sleep.

accidentally

adv. by chance or without planning

synonym : by chance, unintentionally, unwittingly

(1) they met **accidentally**, (2) **accidentally** coincide

He was **accidentally** killed by friendly fire.

barn

n. a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock

synonym : shed, outbuilding, granary

(1) **barn** building, (2) a **barn** for cows

The old **barn** on the farm was used to store hay and other equipment.

mason

n. a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete

synonym : bricklayer, stonemason, masonry worker

(1) **mason** jar, (2) the craft of a **mason**

The accomplished **mason** expertly crafted the stone walls of the castle.

jar

n. a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

synonym : container, vessel, pot

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

He placed the coins in a **jar** to save for a trip.

midair

n. some point in the air; above ground level

(1) a **midair** collision, (2) thrown out into **midair**

She flawlessly performed a **midair** somersault.

acute

adj. extremely sharp or severe

synonym : sharp, perceptive, keen

(1) **acute** pain, (2) **acute** triangle

The patient died from **acute** alcohol intoxication.

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.

causal *adj.* relating to or indicating a cause or the relationship between causes and effects; resulting from a cause

synonym : causative, contributory, connected

(1) **causal** chain, (2) **causal** effect

The study aimed to establish a **causal** relationship between smoking and lung cancer.

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

synonym : beat, cadence, tempo

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

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

mechanism *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

anatomy *n.* the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants

(1) animal **anatomy**, (2) **anatomy** of a country's collapse

The professor explained the **anatomy** of the nervous system.

Newtonian

adj. relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

synonym : classical, physics, mechanics

(1) **Newtonian** physics, (2) **Newtonian** mechanics

The motion of planets can be described using **Newtonian** mechanics.

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.

worm

n. a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes

(1) wiggly **worms**, (2) can of **worms**

Worms help dispose of the food waste produced by humans.

squirm

v. to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness

synonym : squiggle, wiggle, writhe

(1) **squirm** uncomfortably, (2) **squirm** with excitement

The child **squirmed** out of his mother's grasp and ran off.

kangaroo

n. a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly

synonym : bouncy, marsupial, joey

(1) giant **kangaroo**, (2) red **kangaroo**

The female **kangaroo** carries and nurses her young, or joey, in a pouch on her belly.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym : jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

bout

n. a short period of intense activity or experience; a match or contest, especially in boxing or wrestling; a period of illness or disease

synonym : match, round, contest

(1) **bout** of coughing, (2) boxing **bout**

He had a **bout** of anxiety before his big presentation.

fable

n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

synonym : fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic **fable**, (2) moralize a **fable**

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known **fable**.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym : pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym : haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym : domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day
He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

compulsion

n. an irresistible urge or impulse to do something, often resulting from internal or external pressures or forces of habit

synonym: urge, obsession, drive

(1) **compulsion** to clean, (2) resistance to **compulsion**
She felt the **compulsion** to check her phone for messages every few minutes.

primordial

adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

synonym: ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas
The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym: push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**
The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

experiment

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

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**
His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

statistics

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

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**
The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

rider

n. a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message

synonym: passenger, commuter, traveler

(1) a motorcycle **rider**, (2) **rider** to a bill

The horse **rider** won first place in the equestrian competition.

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.

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

dive

v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

synonym: dip, leap, plunge

(1) **dive** into anime communities, (2) **dive** off a cliff

The sperm whale can **dive** to 1,000 meters.

horizontal

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

synonym: even, lying, parallel

(1) **horizontal** lines, (2) **horizontal** stripes

Airplanes need **horizontal** tails to improve stability.

punch

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

synonym: hit, strike, slap

(1) **punch** out numbers, (2) **punch** a ticket

He **punched** the wall in anger.

flee

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

synonym: exit, escape, run away

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

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

infest

v. to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites

synonym: invade, overrun

(1) **infest** a building, (2) **infest** a garden

The old storage shed was **infested** with rats and had to be torn down.

loft

n. a large, open space in an upper part of a building, typically under a roof; a raised platform or gallery in a building, which is used for storage or as a work or living space

synonym: attic, garret, upper chamber

(1) **loft** apartment, (2) warehouse **loft**

The artist's **loft** was filled with natural light and creative energy.

hurl

v. to throw something with great force

synonym: throw, fling, launch

(1) **hurl** a brickbat, (2) **hurl** a cup out of the window

She angrily **hurled** the book across the room.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym: fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail
He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

butterfly

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**
He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

assume

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

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

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

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

bust

v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

synonym : ruin, fall apart, (noun) breast

(1) **bust** my leg, (2) the **bust** of the statue

I'm **bust** with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

duration

n. the length of time something lasts or continues

synonym : period, span, course

(1) the **duration** of insurance, (2) short **duration**

The military incarcerated him for the **duration** of the war.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

complexity

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

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym : interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

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

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

redefine

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

synonym : reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

motorcycle

n. a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals

synonym : bike, motor

(1) **motorcycle** gangster, (2) electric **motorcycle**
He had his **motorcycle** license revoked for drunken driving.

landing

n. the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest

synonym: touchdown, arrival, descent

(1) **landing** gear, (2) emergency **landing**

The plane made a rough **landing**, and everyone clapped once we came to a stop.

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**.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

plywood

n. a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles

synonym: panel board, veneer panel, plyboard

(1) flexible **plywood**, (2) **plywood** furniture

Manufacturing companies use large sheets of **plywood** to

make furniture and fixtures.

flinch

v. to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily

synonym: shudder, recoil, wince

(1) **flinch** at the noise, (2) **flinch** from the truth

I couldn't help but **flinch** when the door slammed shut.

tilt

v. to incline or bend from a vertical position; (noun) the act of inclining or the state of being inclined or leaning to one side

synonym: incline, slant, lean

(1) on the **tilt**, (2) **tilt** a chair

She **tilted** her head to the side, indicating she was listening.

wham

n. a sudden, forceful impact or blow; a loud noise or sound effect used in music or film

synonym: bang, crash, slam

(1) **wham** sound effect, (2) **wham** noise

The car hit the curb with a loud **wham**, causing some damage to the tire.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

invite

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

synonym: ask, request, summon

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

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

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym: militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

anniversary

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

synonym : commemoration, celebration, observance

(1) **anniversary** celebration, (2) a bicentennial **anniversary**

They celebrated their 10th **anniversary** with a romantic dinner.

wright

n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

synonym : builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym : excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

fence

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

synonym : barrier, wall, hedge

(1) **fence** post, (2) a brushwood **fence**

She planted a hedge to serve as a natural **fence** around her garden.

mount

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

synonym : climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

acquaint

v. to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something

synonym : familiarize, inform, enlighten

(1) **acquaint** himself with a subject, (2) **acquaint** me with business

I recently **acquainted** myself with a new coworker by introducing myself and chatting with her for a few minutes.

incite

v. to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

synonym : provoke, stimulate, encourage

(1) **incite** violence, (2) **incite** rebellion

The politician's speech seemed designed to **incite** anger and unrest among the crowd.

hardware

n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

synonym : gear, apparatus, gadget

(1) the **hardware** department, (2) a vast inventory of **hardware**

The mouse and keyboard are essential **hardware** for operating a PC.

junk

n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

synonym: trash, debris, waste

(1) **junk** mail, (2) hunk of **junk**

I need to clear out some of the **junk** in my garage.

habitual

adj. commonly used or repeated

synonym: chronic, frequent, accustomed

(1) **habitual** absence, (2) **habitual** overeating

Habitual smoking and drinking cause lifestyle disease.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

synonym: perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

comfort

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

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

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

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

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym : area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

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.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym : surprising, unanticipated, incredible

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

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

turbulence

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

synonym : choppiness, tumult, agitation

(1) financial **turbulence**, (2) emotional **turbulence**

The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of **turbulence**.

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

synonym : speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car
The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

oddly

adv. in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar
synonym: strangely, peculiarly, weirdly

(1) behave **oddly**, (2) **oddly** familiar

He walked into the party with an **oddly** dressed companion, causing everyone to stare.

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym: compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

piccolo

n. a small, high-pitched flute that is typically used in orchestras and marching bands

synonym: flute, fife, whistle

(1) **piccolo** solo, (2) **piccolo** flute

The orchestra's **piccolo** player had a solo during the concert.

flute

n. a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end

synonym: pipe, recorder, whistle

(1) **flute** music, (2) play the **flute**

The **flute** solo in the symphony was beautiful and elevated the overall performance.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym: mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

spaceship

n. (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

synonym : starship, rocket, spacecraft

(1) a **spaceship** to survey the moon, (2) alien **spaceship**

They launched a crewless **spaceship** into space.

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.

icon

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

synonym : figure, hero, idol

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

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

zenith

n. the highest point or peak; the point in the sky directly above the observer; the culmination or apex of something

synonym : pinnacle, peak, summit

(1) **zenith** of success, (2) **zenith** of popularity

Reaching the **zenith** of his career was a long and difficult climb, but it was worth it.

unlock

v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

synonym : open, solve, unravel

(1) **unlock** a door with a key, (2) **unlock** value

The customs officer required the traveler to **unlock** his suitcase.

brake

n. a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels

synonym : damper, restraint, check

(1) apply the **brake**, (2) **brake** pedal

The results of that election put a **brake** on political reform.

radial

adj. of or relating to rays or the radii of a circle; spreading out from a central point

synonym : concentric, central, spoke-like

(1) **radial** symmetry, (2) in a **radial** direction

The **radial** design of the wheel allows for maximum strength and stability.

heaven

n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

synonym : paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

speck

n. a very small spot, piece, or amount

synonym : blot, dot, mark

(1) a **speck** of dust, (2) **speck** of suspicion

The plane was just a **speck** in the sky.

slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

synonym : bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym : workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

mechanics

n. the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles

synonym : kinematics, dynamics

(1) **mechanics** equation, (2) **mechanics** of the game

He studied **mechanics** in college and now works as an engineer.

mustard

n. a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown

synonym : condiment, sauce, spice

(1) **mustard** leaf, (2) black **mustard** seed

He had to endure the **mustard** gas attack during the war.

petri

n. (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria

(1) **petri** dish test, (2) bacteria on **petri** dishes

Glass **petri** dishes are used to culture microorganisms.

circus

n. a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment

synonym : fair, carnival, spectacle

(1) **circus** performer, (2) **circus** tent

The kids were excited to go to the **circus** and see the clowns and animals perform.

nationality

n. the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country

synonym : ethnicity, race, citizenship

(1) acquisition of **nationality**, (2) **nationality** certificate

Dual **nationality** is prohibited in specific nations but not in others.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

timid

adj. showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk

synonym : shy, bashful, nervous

(1) **timid** tone, (2) **timid** handshake

The **timid** dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym : brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

outcast

adj. excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group;
(noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home

synonym : fugitive, friendless, vagabond

(1) discrimination against **outcast** people, (2) social **outcast**

He was an **outcast** from the neighboring village.

obsessive

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

synonym : compulsive, fixated, besetting

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

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

relish

v. to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
synonym : enjoy, savor, taste

(1) **relish** my food, (2) **relish** every bite

He **relished** the opportunity to try the exotic dishes at the new restaurant.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

esteem

n. great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone

synonym : respect, admiration, regard

(1) **esteem** for the other person, (2) boost my self- **esteem**

He is our loyal customer who should be held in high **esteem**.

blossom

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

synonym : flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym : courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sh__e up demand
n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
2. in___e violence
v. to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
3. a sp__k of dust
n. a very small spot, piece, or amount
4. play the fl__e
n. a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end
5. pi_____o solo
n. a small, high-pitched flute that is typically used in orchestras and marching bands
6. ha_____al overeating
adj. commonly used or repeated
7. he___n on earth
n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
8. a te_____ue in martial arts
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

ANSWERS: 1. shore, 2. incite, 3. speck, 4. flute, 5. piccolo, 6. habitual, 7. heaven, 8. technique

9. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
10. they met acc_____lly *adv.* by chance or without planning
11. sq___m with excitement *v.* to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness
12. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
13. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
14. emergency la_____g *n.* the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest
15. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
16. the ha_____re department *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
17. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
18. mot_____le gangster *n.* a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals

ANSWERS: 9. mechanism, 10. accidentally, 11. squirm, 12. adopt, 13. experiment, 14. landing, 15. lab, 16. hardware, 17. unexpected, 18. motorcycle

19. ac____nt himself with a subject *v.* to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something
20. a sp_____ip to survey the moon *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
21. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
22. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
23. fl__e music *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end
24. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
25. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
26. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
27. ann_____ry celebration *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
28. com_____on to clean *n.* an irresistible urge or impulse to do something, often resulting from internal or external pressures or forces of habit
29. me_____cs equation *n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles

ANSWERS: 19. acquaint, 20. spaceship, 21. spot, 22. invisible, 23. flute, 24. mimic, 25. humming, 26. drag, 27. anniversary, 28. compulsion, 29. mechanics

30. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
31. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
32. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
33. a water j_r *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
34. social ou_____t *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
35. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
36. s__m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
37. a bicentennial ann_____ry *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
38. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
39. in samba rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

ANSWERS: 30. afterward, 31. hawk, 32. assume, 33. jar, 34. outcast, 35. afterward, 36. slam, 37. anniversary, 38. mimic, 39. rhythm

40. un___k value *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
41. od__y familiar *adv.* in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar
42. bacteria on pe__i dishes *n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
43. the craft of a ma__n *n.* a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete
44. apply the br__e *n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels
45. financial tur_____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
46. ac__e pain *adj.* extremely sharp or severe
47. la_____g gear *n.* the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest
48. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
49. w__m noise *n.* a sudden, forceful impact or blow; a loud noise or sound effect used in music or film
50. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force

ANSWERS: 40. unlock, 41. oddly, 42. petri, 43. mason, 44. brake, 45. turbulence, 46. acute, 47. landing, 48. comfort, 49. wham, 50. drag

51. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
52. pri_____al gas *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
53. short du_____on *n.* the length of time something lasts or continues
54. resistance to com_____on *n.* an irresistible urge or impulse to do something, often resulting from internal or external pressures or forces of habit
55. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
56. ac__e triangle *adj.* extremely sharp or severe
57. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
58. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
59. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
60. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
61. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
62. Ne_____an mechanics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
63. animal an_____y *n.* the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants

ANSWERS: 51. invisible, 52. primordial, 53. duration, 54. compulsion, 55. component, 56. acute, 57. humming, 58. broth, 59. unexpected, 60. modern, 61. bold, 62. Newtonian, 63. anatomy

64. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
65. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
66. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
67. wiggly w__ms *n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
68. ascend to he___n *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
69. at___h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
70. hor_____al lines *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
71. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
72. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

ANSWERS: 64. spot, 65. flee, 66. hero, 67. worm, 68. heaven, 69. attach, 70. horizontal, 71. invite, 72. expand

73. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
74. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
75. an_____y of a country's collapse *n.* the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants
76. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
77. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
78. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
79. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
80. a sandy sh___e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
81. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
82. 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

ANSWERS: 73. accelerate, 74. modern, 75. anatomy, 76. statistics, 77. obsess, 78. gender, 79. territory, 80. shore, 81. extreme, 82. degree

83. the th___l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
84. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
85. es___m for the other person *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
86. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
87. a car-wr___t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
88. behave od__y *adv.* in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar
89. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
90. ti__d tone *adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk
91. j__k mail *n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

ANSWERS: 83. thrill, 84. invention, 85. esteem, 86. bold, 87. wright, 88. oddly, 89. encounter, 90. timid, 91. junk

92. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
93. p__l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
94. ze___h of popularity *n.* the highest point or peak; the point in the sky directly above the observer; the culmination or apex of something
95. ca___l effect *adj.* relating to or indicating a cause or the relationship between causes and effects; resulting from a cause
96. fe__e post *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
97. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
98. ca___l chain *adj.* relating to or indicating a cause or the relationship between causes and effects; resulting from a cause
99. ve_____al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
100. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
101. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 92. celebrate, 93. peel, 94. zenith, 95. causal, 96. fence, 97. icon, 98. causal, 99. vertical, 100. experiment, 101. movement

102. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
103. ra____l symmetry *adj.* of or relating to rays or the radii of a circle; spreading out from a central point
104. on the t__t *v.* to incline or bend from a vertical position; (noun) the act of inclining or the state of being inclined or leaning to one side
105. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
106. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
107. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
108. take a qu_____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
109. irregular heart rh____m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
110. red ka_____oo *n.* a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly
111. d__e off a cliff *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

ANSWERS: 102. confuse, 103. radial, 104. tilt, 105. prototype, 106. seize, 107. curiosity, 108. quotation, 109. rhythm, 110. kangaroo, 111. dive

112. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
113. boxing b__t *n.* a short period of intense activity or experience; a match or contest, especially in boxing or wrestling; a period of illness or disease
114. br__e pedal *n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels
115. electric mot_____le *n.* a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals
116. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
117. fl___h from the truth *v.* to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily
118. nat_____ty certificate *n.* the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
119. ob_____ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
120. acquisition of nat_____ty *n.* the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
121. a vast inventory of ha_____re *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

ANSWERS: 112. hawk, 113. bout, 114. brake, 115. motorcycle, 116. flee, 117. flinch, 118. nationality, 119. obsessive, 120. nationality, 121. hardware

122. ex____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
123. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
124. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
125. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
126. the life cycle of a bu_____ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
127. a b__n for cows *n.* a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
128. incredible th___l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
129. pu__h a ticket *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
130. ha_____al absence *adj.* commonly used or repeated
131. hunk of j__k *n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

ANSWERS: 122. extreme, 123. movement, 124. hop, 125. expand, 126. butterfly, 127. barn, 128. thrill, 129. punch, 130. habitual, 131. junk

132. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
133. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
134. b__t of coughing *n.* a short period of intense activity or experience; a match or contest, especially in boxing or wrestling; a period of illness or disease
135. un___k a door with a key *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
136. pu__h out numbers *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
137. in___t a garden *v.* to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites
138. moralize a fa__e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
139. discrimination against ou____t people *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
140. co____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
141. br__e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
142. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

ANSWERS: 132. zone, 133. obsess, 134. bout, 135. unlock, 136. punch, 137. infest, 138. fable, 139. outcast, 140. comfort, 141. brave, 142. broth

143. 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
144. h__l a cup out of the window *v.* to throw something with great force
145. apple bl____m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
146. ze___h of success *n.* the highest point or peak; the point in the sky directly above the observer; the culmination or apex of something
147. unr_____ng pursuit *adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal
148. Ne_____an physics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
149. boost my self-es___m *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
150. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
151. the b__t of the statue *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

ANSWERS: 143. degree, 144. hurl, 145. blossom, 146. zenith, 147. unrelenting, 148. Newtonian, 149. esteem, 150. encounter, 151. bust

152. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
153. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
154. ri__r to a bill *n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message
155. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
156. ob_____ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
157. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
158. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
159. in___e rebellion *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

ANSWERS: 152. magic, 153. magic, 154. rider, 155. urge, 156. obsessive, 157. accelerate, 158. complexity, 159. incite

160. pi____o flute *n.* a small, high-pitched flute that is typically used in orchestras and marching bands
161. aircraft wr____t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
162. defense me____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
163. ac____nt me with business *v.* to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something
164. mo__t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
165. co____e my thoughts *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
166. re____h every bite *v.* to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
167. ve____al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
168. re____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
169. in____t a building *v.* to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites

ANSWERS: 160. piccolo, 161. wright, 162. mechanism, 163. acquaint, 164. mount, 165. compose, 166. relish, 167. vertical, 168. redefine, 169. infest

170. ci___s performer *n.* a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
171. the du_____on of insurance *n.* the length of time something lasts or continues
172. alien sp_____ip *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
173. a sexual u___e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
174. ad___t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
175. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
176. co_____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
177. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
178. ci___s tent *n.* a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
179. h___l a brickbat *v.* to throw something with great force

ANSWERS: 170. circus, 171. duration, 172. spaceship, 173. urge, 174. adopt, 175. lab, 176. compose, 177. terrify, 178. circus, 179. hurl

180. 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
181. acquire te____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
182. mu____d leaf *n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown
183. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
184. acc____lly coincide *adv.* by chance or without planning
185. com____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
186. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
187. emotional tur____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
188. a brushwood fe__e *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
189. te____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
190. d__e into anime communities *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

ANSWERS: 180. blur, 181. territory, 182. mustard, 183. confuse, 184. accidentally, 185. complexity, 186. peel, 187. turbulence, 188. fence, 189. terrify, 190. dive

191. in a ra___l direction *adj.* of or relating to rays or the radii of a circle; spreading out from a central point
192. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
193. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
194. warehouse l__t *n.* a large, open space in an upper part of a building, typically under a roof; a raised platform or gallery in a building, which is used for storage or as a work or living space
195. b__n building *n.* a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
196. mo__t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
197. ti__d handshake *adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk
198. a j_r of jam *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

ANSWERS: 191. radial, 192. celebrate, 193. gender, 194. loft, 195. barn, 196. mount, 197. timid, 198. jar

199. pri_____al forms of life *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
200. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
201. z___e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
202. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
203. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
204. se___e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
205. double qu_____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
206. pe___i dish test *n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
207. giant ka_____oo *n.* a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly
208. hor_____al stripes *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

ANSWERS: 199. primordial, 200. attach, 201. zone, 202. invention, 203. fascinate, 204. seize, 205. quotation, 206. petri, 207. kangaroo, 208. horizontal

227. t__t a chair *v.* to incline or bend from a vertical position; (noun) the act of inclining or the state of being inclined or leaning to one side
228. l__t apartment *n.* a large, open space in an upper part of a building, typically under a roof; a raised platform or gallery in a building, which is used for storage or as a work or living space
229. bu_____ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
230. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
231. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
232. flexible pl_____d *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
233. 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
234. sp__k of suspicion *n.* a very small spot, piece, or amount
235. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

ANSWERS: 227. tilt, 228. loft, 229. butterfly, 230. invite, 231. statistics, 232. plywood, 233. blur, 234. speck, 235. hero

236. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
237. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
238. pl____d furniture *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
239. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
240. a mi___r collision *n.* some point in the air; above ground level
241. notable in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
242. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
243. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
244. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
245. unr_____ng pressure *adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

ANSWERS: 236. icon, 237. hop, 238. plywood, 239. component, 240. midair, 241. instance, 242. brave, 243. technique, 244. assume, 245. unrelenting

246. sq___m uncomfortably

v. to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness

ANSWERS: 246. squirm

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.
n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
2. The horse _____ won first place in the equestrian competition.
n. a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message
3. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree
4. She planted a hedge to serve as a natural _____ around her garden.
n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
5. The results of that election put a _____ on political reform.
n. a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels
6. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.
n. an area under the control of a ruler or state
7. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
8. The rabbit _____ over the fence.
v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. prototype, 2. rider, 3. extreme, 4. fence, 5. brake, 6. territory, 7. complexity, 8. hopped

9. 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
10. The female _____ carries and nurses her young, or joey, in a pouch on her belly.
- n.* a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly
11. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
- n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
12. The professor explained the _____ of the nervous system.
- n.* the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants
13. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
- v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
14. The old _____ on the farm was used to store hay and other equipment.
- n.* a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
15. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.
- n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
16. The structure is _____ of three main components.
- v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

ANSWERS: 9. magic, 10. kangaroo, 11. hero, 12. anatomy, 13. flee, 14. barn, 15. icons, 16. composed

17. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
18. He studied _____ in college and now works as an engineer.
n. the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
19. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
20. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much
21. She _____ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.
v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
22. I'm _____ with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.
v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
23. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see
24. In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known _____.
n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

ANSWERS: 17. accelerate, 18. mechanics, 19. movement, 20. terrify, 21. slammed, 22. bust, 23. invisible, 24. fable

25. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
26. The patient died from _____ alcohol intoxication.
adj. extremely sharp or severe
27. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.
v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
28. She was a skilled _____ able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.
n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
29. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
30. The accomplished _____ expertly crafted the stone walls of the castle.
n. a skilled worker who builds structures with stone, brick, or concrete
31. Her _____ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.
adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
32. The kids were excited to go to the _____ and see the clowns and animals perform.
n. a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment

ANSWERS: 25. attach, 26. acute, 27. redefined, 28. wright, 29. unexpected, 30. mason, 31. obsessive, 32. circus

33. The _____ heat made it difficult to sleep.

adj. not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

34. The cherry _____ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

35. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

36. The orchestra's _____ player had a solo during the concert.

n. a small, high-pitched flute that is typically used in orchestras and marching bands

37. 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

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

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

39. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

ANSWERS: 33. unrelenting, 34. blossom, 35. mounted, 36. piccolo, 37. blur, 38. rhythm, 39. vertical

40. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

41. The plane was just a _____ in the sky.

n. a very small spot, piece, or amount

42. The study aimed to establish a _____ relationship between smoking and lung cancer.

adj. relating to or indicating a cause or the relationship between causes and effects; resulting from a cause

43. Airplanes need _____ tails to improve stability.

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

44. The national assembly has _____ the budget.

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

45. He was _____ killed by friendly fire.

adv. by chance or without planning

46. She felt the _____ to check her phone for messages every few minutes.

n. an irresistible urge or impulse to do something, often resulting from internal or external pressures or forces of habit

47. The customs officer required the traveler to _____ his suitcase.

v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

ANSWERS: 40. humming, 41. speck, 42. causal, 43. horizontal, 44. adopted, 45. accidentally, 46. compulsion, 47. unlock

48. He is our loyal customer who should be held in high _____.

n. great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone

49. The child _____ out of his mother's grasp and ran off.

v. to twist, wiggle, or contort the body uncomfortably or awkwardly, often due to embarrassment, discomfort, or nervousness

50. He felt like _____ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

51. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

52. He was an _____ from the neighboring village.

adj. excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home

53. 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

54. The plane made a rough _____ and everyone clapped once we came to a stop.

n. the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest

ANSWERS: 48. esteem, 49. squirmed, 50. heaven, 51. spot, 52. outcast, 53. degree, 54. landing,

55. The discovery of the _____ soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.
adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
56. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
57. They launched a crewless _____ into space.
n. (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
58. He _____ the opportunity to try the exotic dishes at the new restaurant.
v. to enjoy or take pleasure in; to taste with appreciation
59. The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of _____.
n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
60. She _____ her head to the side, indicating she was listening.
v. to incline or bend from a vertical position; (noun) the act of inclining or the state of being inclined or leaning to one side
61. Manufacturing companies use large sheets of _____ to make furniture and fixtures.
n. a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
62. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 55. primordial, 56. modern, 57. spaceship, 58. relished, 59. turbulence, 60. tilted, 61. plywood, 62. statistics

63. Reaching the _____ of his career was a long and difficult climb, but it was worth it.
- n.* the highest point or peak; the point in the sky directly above the observer; the culmination or apex of something
64. The _____ design of the wheel allows for maximum strength and stability.
- adj.* of or relating to rays or the radii of a circle; spreading out from a central point
65. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
66. The artist's _____ was filled with natural light and creative energy.
- n.* a large, open space in an upper part of a building, typically under a roof; a raised platform or gallery in a building, which is used for storage or as a work or living space
67. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.
- n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
68. _____ help dispose of the food waste produced by humans.
- n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
69. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.
- n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
70. He had to endure the _____ gas attack during the war.
- n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown

ANSWERS: 63. zenith, 64. radial, 65. assumes, 66. loft, 67. thrill, 68. Worms, 69. quotation, 70. mustard

71. The waves are beating against the _____.
- n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water;
(verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
72. The motion of planets can be described using _____ mechanics.
- adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
73. Dual _____ is prohibited in specific nations but not in others.
- n.* the legal status or right of belonging to a particular country
74. She angrily _____ the book across the room.
- v.* to throw something with great force
75. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
76. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
- n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
77. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
- n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
78. 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
79. The storm had _____ all paint off the siding.
- v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

ANSWERS: 71. shore, 72. Newtonian, 73. nationality, 74. hurled, 75. celebrated, 76. zone, 77. lab, 78. component, 79. peeled

80. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.

- n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

81. He had his _____ license revoked for drunken driving.

- n.* a two-wheeled vehicle that is driven by an engine and has no pedals

82. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.

- adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

83. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.

- v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

84. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

85. The magic tricks _____ the children.

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

86. The car hit the curb with a loud _____ causing some damage to the tire.

- n.* a sudden, forceful impact or blow; a loud noise or sound effect used in music or film

87. I recently _____ myself with a new coworker by introducing myself and chatting with her for a few minutes.

- v.* to cause someone to become aware of or familiar with someone or something

ANSWERS: 80. broth, 81. motorcycle, 82. bold, 83. mimic, 84. obsessed, 85. fascinated, 86. wham, 87. acquainted

88. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

89. The old storage shed was _____ with rats and had to be torn down.

v. to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites

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

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

91. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

92. He had a _____ of anxiety before his big presentation.

n. a short period of intense activity or experience; a match or contest, especially in boxing or wrestling; a period of illness or disease

93. The politician's speech seemed designed to _____ anger and unrest among the crowd.

v. to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

94. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

95. Glass _____ dishes are used to culture microorganisms.

n. (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria

ANSWERS: 88. butterfly, 89. infested, 90. comfort, 91. brave, 92. bout, 93. incite, 94. expand, 95. petri

96. The military incarcerated him for the _____ of the war.
n. the length of time something lasts or continues
97. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
98. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
99. The _____ solo in the symphony was beautiful and elevated the overall performance.
n. a musical instrument consisting of a metal, wood, or bamboo tube with a row of fingerholes and sometimes keys, played by blowing across a hole near one end
100. The mouse and keyboard are essential _____ for operating a PC.
n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
101. The _____ dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.
adj. showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk
102. Necessity is the mother of _____.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
103. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 96. duration, 97. experiments, 98. instances, 99. flute, 100. hardware, 101. timid, 102. invention, 103. confused

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

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

105. I couldn't help but _____ when the door slammed shut.

- v. to make a quick, nervous movement in response to pain, fear, or surprise; to draw back or wince involuntarily

106. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.

- v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

107. He walked into the party with an _____ dressed companion, causing everyone to stare.

- adv. in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar

108. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.

- v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

109. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

- adv. after the time mentioned

110. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

- n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

111. The sperm whale can _____ to 1,000 meters.

- v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

ANSWERS: 104. invite, 105. flinch, 106. urged, 107. oddly, 108. seize, 109. afterward, 110. gender, 111. dive

112. 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

113. They celebrated their 10th _____ with a romantic dinner.

- n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

114. He placed the coins in a ____ to save for a trip.

- n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

115. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.

- n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something

116. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.

- n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

117. He _____ the wall in anger.

- v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

118. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

119. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

- v.* to pull or haul with force

ANSWERS: 112. encounter, 113. anniversary, 114. jar, 115. curiosity, 116. mechanisms, 117. punched, 118. technique, 119. dragged

120. I need to clear out some of the _____ in my garage.

n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

121. She flawlessly performed a _____ somersault.

n. some point in the air; above ground level

122. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-_____.

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

123. _____ smoking and drinking cause lifestyle disease.

adj. commonly used or repeated

ANSWERS: 120. junk, 121. midair, 122. hawk, 123. Habitual