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Session 1: Word List

balcony

n. a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space

synonym: terrace, veranda, deck

(1) **balcony** view, (2) **balcony** seating

They enjoyed a romantic dinner on the **balcony** overlooking the city.

incarnation

n. the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something

synonym: embodiment, personification, avatar

(1) former **incarnation**, (2) **incarnation** of stupidity

The novel is an **incarnation** of the author's experiences and imagination.

leggy

adj. having long, slender legs, often used to describe a woman or animal with particularly attractive or distinctive legs

synonym: tall, lanky, slender-legged

(1) **leggy** model, (2) **leggy** table

The runway model's **leggy** strides were the highlight of the fashion show.

hairy

adj. covered with hair or having a furry texture; difficult, dangerous, or complicated

synonym : furry, bushy, unkempt

(1) **hairy** situation, (2) **hairy** arms

The new rescue dog was covered in thick, **hairy** fur that kept him warm in cold weather.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

feat

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

synonym : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

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

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

bioengineering

n. the application of engineering principles to the design and production of biological systems and products

synonym : biomedical engineering, genetic engineering, biotechnology

(1) **bioengineering** field, (2) **bioengineering** techniques

The **bioengineering** lab has state-of-the-art equipment and software for analyzing biological systems and designing new solutions.

testimony

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

synonym : affirmant, evidence, proof

(1) **testimony** before Congress, (2) give his **testimony**

Witness **testimony** backed up the defendant's claims.

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.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

offspring

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant

synonym : children, descendants, heirs

(1) female **offspring**, (2) produce **offspring**

How many **offspring** does the average lion have?

primitive

adj. of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style

synonym : elementary, naive, rudimentary

(1) **primitive** society, (2) artifact of a **primitive** humankind

The industry in this country is still **primitive**.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym : develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

spider

n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

synonym : arachnid, wanderer

(1) **spider** venom, (2) web **spider**

The **spider** spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

versatile

adj. able to do many things in different fields; having many talents

synonym : adaptable, protean, universal

(1) provide a **versatile** solution, (2) a **versatile** writer

He's a **versatile** actor who has acted in various parts.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym : manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

predator

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

synonym : vulture, bloodsucker

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

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

sporty

adj. having a stylish, athletic, or active appearance or character

synonym : athletic, active, stylish

(1) **sporty** car, (2) **sporty** outfit

The new car has a **sporty** design and a powerful engine, making it fun to drive on winding roads.

wrangle

n. a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter

synonym: argument, dispute, quarrel

(1) **wrangle** over money, (2) political **wrangle**

The two politicians had a heated **wrangle** over the proposed tax reform.

tarantula

n. a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs

synonym: spider, arachnid, hairy spider

(1) keep **tarantulas** as pets, (2) fear a **tarantula**

The furry **tarantula** crawled across the floor, causing some to scream.

ruthless

adj. lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

synonym: heartless, pitiless, merciless

(1) show **ruthless** behavior, (2) **ruthless** brutality

The dictator was known for his **ruthless** tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

predecessor

n. a person who held a position or office before the current holder

synonym: antecedent, forerunner, precursor

(1) the words of a **predecessor**, (2) **predecessor** model

The new CEO is the **predecessor** of the former CEO.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym: disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

gaze

v. to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else

synonym: stare, gawk, look

(1) **gaze** steadily at his face, (2) **gaze** absently out a window

The youngster was **gazed** at by the beast.

venom

n. a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

synonym: poison, toxin, hating

(1) the **venom** of a lizard, (2) injected **venom**

The snake's **venom** is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.

gland

n. a group of cells in an animal's body that produce substances needed by the body and release them through ducts or directly into the bloodstream

synonym: secretor

(1) the function of the thyroid **gland**, (2) a mammary **gland**

The adrenal **glands** produce steroids.

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.

fang

n. a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other

animals

synonym : tooth, canine, tusk

(1) **fang** mark, (2) poison **fang**

The vampire bared its **fangs** and growled.

nowadays

adv. at the current time, in comparison to the past

synonym : currently, presently, today

(1) young people **nowadays**, (2) not to be seen **nowadays**

People can clone a sheep **nowadays**.

venomous

adj. extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will

synonym : poisonous, toxic, lethal

(1) the **venomous** jellyfish's sting, (2) have **venomous** eyes

The **venomous** snake bit him, causing him to go into shock.

scorpion

n. a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting

synonym : arachnid, stinger

(1) **scorpion** fish, (2) poisonous **scorpion**

The **scorpion's** venom can be lethal to humans.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym : combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

purity

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

synonym : sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

disable

v. to cause someone or something to become unable to function properly or as intended; to incapacitate or immobilize

synonym : cripple, impair, incapacitate

(1) **disable** a setting, (2) **disable** a device

I had to **disable** the pop-up blocker in my browser to access the website.

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.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym : immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym : immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

flesh

n. the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

synonym : meat, muscle, tissue

(1) grow in **flesh**, (2) **flesh** eating

The **flesh** of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

acid

n. sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials

synonym : SOUR

(1) an **acid** reaction, (2) good source of essential amino **acids**

During pregnancy, the stomach generates less **acid** than usual.

gruesome

adj. causing horror or disgust

synonym : appalling, horrific, terrible

(1) hear **gruesome** details, (2) **gruesome** accident

The **gruesome** crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.

harvest

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym : crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

antibiotic

n. a substance or drug that kills or slows down the growth of bacteria

synonym : antimicrobial, chemotherapeutic, germicide

(1) **antibiotic** resistance, (2) **antibiotic** allergy

He has been prescribed an **antibiotic** to treat his infection.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

diabetes

n. a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood

(1) juvenile **diabetes**, (2) **diabetes** patient

My father was tested for **diabetes**.

hypertension

n. a medical condition characterized by abnormally high blood pressure in the arteries, often leading to an increased risk of heart disease, stroke, and other health problems

synonym : high blood pressure

(1) **hypertension** rate, (2) arterial **hypertension**

To lower **hypertension**, it is important to maintain a healthy diet and exercise regularly.

develop

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

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

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

regularly

adv. at regular intervals or times

synonym : repeatedly, routinely, usually

(1) **regularly** arranged, (2) post **regularly** to a blog

This site **regularly** shares high-quality academic materials.

medication

n. a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

synonym : cure, drug, medicine

(1) antibiotic **medication**, (2) **medication** by mouth
The pharmacist not only prescribes the **medication** but also guides its proper use.

toxin

n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

synonym: poison, venom, contaminant

(1) **toxin** exposure, (2) **toxin** production

Mold exposure can release dangerous **toxins** into the air.

viper

n. venomous snake

synonym: snake, serpent, adder

(1) brood of **vipers**, (2) **viper** poison

The pit **viper** coiled up, ready to strike at its prey.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym: proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

lizard

n. a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail

(1) giant **lizard**, (2) **lizard** leather

The **lizard's** tail regenerates if severed.

protocol

n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

synonym: procedure, system, method

(1) draft a **protocol**, (2) **protocol** breach

The company has a strict **protocol** for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

marine

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

synonym : sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life

Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

snail

n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

synonym : escargot, slug, whelk

(1) **snail** mail, (2) **snail** pace

The gardener found a **snail** slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

anesthetic

n. a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain

synonym : sedative, anesthesia, painkiller

(1) **anesthetic** injection, (2) local **anesthetic**

The dentist administered an **anesthetic** to numb the patient's mouth before the procedure.

therapeutic

adj. relating to or involved in the treatment of illness or injury

synonym : healing, remedial, curative

(1) **therapeutic** massage, (2) **therapeutic** administration

Yoga is known to have **therapeutic** benefits for the mind and body.

concentration

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

synonym : attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym : mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

cobra

n. a venomous snake found in Africa and Asia that can raise its head and spread a hood when threatened

synonym : serpent, snake

(1) **cobra** venom, (2) **cobra** bite

The king **cobra** slithered silently across the ground.

widow

n. a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried

synonym : bereaved

(1) **widow** pension, (2) a war **widow**

She became a **widow** after her husband passed away.

bug

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

synonym : insect, bacterium, microbe

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

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

couch

n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

synonym : sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the weekends.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym : anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

clue

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

synonym : hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

laboratory

n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

synonym : lab, workshop, testing room

(1) **laboratory** accident, (2) anthropology **laboratory**

Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a **laboratory**.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

venture

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring

synonym : enterprise, undertaking, adventure

(1) **venture** capital, (2) a joint **venture**

The **venture** into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

anesthetize

v. to administer a drug or other substance that causes a loss of sensation or consciousness, often to perform a medical procedure; to numb or dull a physical or emotional sensation

synonym : numb, sedate, drug

(1) **anesthetize** a patient, (2) **anesthetize** a wound

The dentist will **anesthetize** your mouth before removing your wisdom teeth.

asleep

adj. in a state of sleep

synonym : sleeping, fallen, at rest

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

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

contract

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

synonym : agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

microscope

n. an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye

synonym : lens, magnifier, eyepiece

(1) **microscope** slide, (2) electron **microscope**

I used an optical **microscope** to observe the small organisms in the water sample.

droplet

n. a small drop of liquid

synonym : bead, drip, dewdrop

(1) **droplet** size, (2) **droplet** formation

A single **droplet** of water can reflect the entire world upside down.

tube

n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food

or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

synonym : pipe, hose, duct

(1) a capillary **tube**, (2) a glass **tube**

The **tube** train was packed with commuters during rush hour.

capillary

n. a tube of small internal diameter; any of the minute tubes that carry blood

(1) a **capillary** tube, (2) **capillary** action

There are many **capillary** vessels in the gills of fish.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym : equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

incredibly

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

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym : adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

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.

purify

v. to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it

synonym : refine, filter, clarify

(1) **purify** hydrogen gas, (2) **purify** the blood

The equipment is frequently used to **purify** and distribute drinking water.

dilute

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

synonym : weaken, thin, reduce

(1) **dilute** acid with water, (2) **dilute** a great idea

She **diluted** the concentrated juice with water.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym : capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

nasty

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

synonym: disgusting, offensive, foul

(1) a **nasty** smell, (2) receive a **nasty** surprise

The weather turned **nasty**.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

bacteria

n. single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

synonym: microorganism, microbe

(1) pathogenic **bacteria**, (2) harmless **bacteria**

Bacteria prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

gamble

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

synonym: bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune

Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

jackpot

n. a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome

synonym : prize, bonanza, windfall

(1) lottery **jackpot**, (2) win a **jackpot**

After hours of playing the slot machines, she finally hit the **jackpot** and won hundreds of dollars.

basement

n. a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

synonym : cellar, storage, vault

(1) four **basement** floor, (2) church **basement**

Underground rivers flow over a **basement** layer that is impervious to water.

sewer

n. an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater

synonym : drain, pipeline, conduit

(1) **sewer** device, (2) **sewer** system

The city is upgrading its **sewer** system to prevent flooding during heavy rain.

toilet

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

synonym : bathroom, lavatory, washroom

(1) **toilet** paper, (2) **toilet** seat

She walked to the **toilet** to freshen up before the meeting.

antimicrobial

adj. having the ability to prevent or combat the growth of microorganisms, particularly bacteria and fungi

synonym : antibacterial, germicidal, disinfectant

(1) **antimicrobial** properties, (2) **antimicrobial** treatment

The medical team used an **antimicrobial** solution to clean the surgical instruments.

resistant

adj. not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection

synonym : unsusceptible, immune, invulnerable

(1) penicillin- **resistant** bacteria, (2) **resistant** to persuasion

Insects in urban areas are becoming **resistant** to insecticides.

headline

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

synonym : title, caption

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

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

infection

n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

synonym : contagion, disease, transmission

(1) a bacterial **infection**, (2) treat the **infection** with antibiotics

Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial **infections**.

multiply

v. to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

synonym : boost, amplify, reproduce

(1) **multiply** 5 and 6, (2) **multiply** about hundredfold

Multiply a number by itself twice.

efficient

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

materials

synonym : productive, effective, competent

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

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

pharmaceutical

adj. relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs

synonym : drug, medication, prescription

(1) major **pharmaceutical** companies, (2) commercial **pharmaceutical** products

She gave money to help set up a **pharmaceutical** laboratory.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

discovery

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

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

penicillin

n. an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections

synonym : antibiotic, bacitracin

(1) **penicillin** allergy, (2) **penicillin** sensitivity testing
The doctor prescribed **penicillin** to treat the bacterial infection.

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.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym: adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed
I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

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.

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.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**
Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to

establish the truth

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

squash

v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

synonym: smash, crush, compress

(1) **squash** a package, (2) **squash** a rebellion

I like to **squash** my grapes when making homemade wine.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym: esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

insignificant

adj. of little importance, influence, or power

synonym: unimportant, trivial, irrelevant

(1) **insignificant** amount, (2) an **insignificant** mistake

He made me feel small and **insignificant**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. li___d leather *n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail
2. di___e a great idea *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
3. ha__y arms *adj.* covered with hair or having a furry texture; difficult, dangerous, or complicated
4. his research area of
con_____ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
5. a ca_____ry tube *n.* a tube of small internal diameter; any of the minute tubes that carry blood
6. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
7. arterial hyp_____ion *n.* a medical condition characterized by abnormally high blood pressure in the arteries, often leading to an increased risk of heart disease, stroke, and other health problems
8. pathogenic ba_____ia *n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

ANSWERS: 1. lizard, 2. dilute, 3. hairy, 4. concentration, 5. capillary, 6. decide, 7. hypertension, 8. bacteria

9. to__n production *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
10. ga___e \$100 on the race *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
11. the____ic administration *adj.* relating to or involved in the treatment of illness or injury
12. wr_____e over money *n.* a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter
13. high pu___y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
14. a co__h potato *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
15. sc_____on fish *n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
16. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
17. an a__d reaction *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials

ANSWERS: 9. toxin, 10. gamble, 11. therapeutic, 12. wrangle, 13. purity, 14. couch, 15. scorpion, 16. evolution, 17. acid

18. a ch____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
19. ca____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
20. commercial pha_____cal products *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
21. sp____r venom *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
22. harmless ba____ia *n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease
23. di____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
24. price of pr____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
25. injected ve__m *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
26. ve____e capital *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
27. dr____t size *n.* a small drop of liquid
28. re____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 18. chemical, 19. capture, 20. pharmaceutical, 21. spider, 22. bacteria, 23. diverse, 24. precious, 25. venom, 26. venture, 27. droplet, 28. release

29. electron mic_____pe *n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye
30. pr_____ve society *adj.* of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
31. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
32. ant_____ial treatment *adj.* having the ability to prevent or combat the growth of microorganisms, particularly bacteria and fungi
33. ant_____ic allergy *n.* a substance or drug that kills or slows down the growth of bacteria
34. the ve_____us jellyfish's sting *adj.* extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will
35. co_____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
36. reap a ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
37. to__n exposure *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

ANSWERS: 29. microscope, 30. primitive, 31. adapt, 32. antimicrobial, 33. antibiotic, 34. venomous, 35. contract, 36. harvest, 37. toxin

38. f__g mark *n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals
39. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
40. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
41. giant li____d *n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail
42. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
43. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
44. artifact of a pr_____ve humankind *adj.* of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
45. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
46. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
47. cha_____ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
48. mu_____ly 5 and 6 *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

ANSWERS: 38. fang, 39. monitor, 40. headline, 41. lizard, 42. individual, 43. individual, 44. primitive, 45. survive, 46. creature, 47. charismatic, 48. multiply

49. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
50. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
51. dead as____p *adj.* in a state of sleep
52. the words of a pre____or *n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder
53. a glass t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
54. web sp____r *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
55. abs____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
56. female of____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
57. a mammary gl__d *n.* a group of cells in an animal's body that produce substances needed by the body and release them through ducts or directly into the bloodstream
58. ins____ant amount *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
59. an in____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
60. a bacterial in____on *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

ANSWERS: 49. survive, 50. separate, 51. asleep, 52. predecessor, 53. tube, 54. spider, 55. absolutely, 56. offspring, 57. gland, 58. insignificant, 59. invisible, 60. infection

61. church ba____nt *n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
62. the degree of pu____y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
63. ev____e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
64. co__a venom *n.* a venomous snake found in Africa and Asia that can raise its head and spread a hood when threatened
65. a capillary t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
66. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
67. a scientific di____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
68. to____t paper *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
69. at____h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
70. draft a pr____ol *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

ANSWERS: 61. basement, 62. purity, 63. evolve, 64. cobra, 65. tube, 66. adapt, 67. discovery, 68. toilet, 69. attach, 70. protocol

71. sp___y car *adj.* having a stylish, athletic, or active appearance or character
72. te_____ny before Congress *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
73. antibiotic med_____on *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
74. dr_____t formation *n.* a small drop of liquid
75. ca_____ry action *n.* a tube of small internal diameter; any of the minute tubes that carry blood
76. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
77. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
78. ca___r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
79. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 71. sporty, 72. testimony, 73. medication, 74. droplet, 75. capillary, 76. develop, 77. exciting, 78. cancer, 79. process

80. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
81. pr_____ol breach *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
82. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
83. ant_____ic resistance *n.* a substance or drug that kills or slows down the growth of bacteria
84. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
85. re_____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
86. sq____h a rebellion *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
87. ru_____ss brutality *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
88. pen_____in allergy *n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
89. ad____e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
90. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

ANSWERS: 80. possibility, 81. protocol, 82. eventually, 83. antibiotic, 84. invisible, 85. recover, 86. squash, 87. ruthless, 88. penicillin, 89. admire, 90. evolution

91. di_____e a device *v.* to cause someone or something to become unable to function properly or as intended; to incapacitate or immobilize
92. provide a ve_____le solution *adj.* able to do many things in different fields; having many talents
93. sq____h a package *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
94. lab_____ry accident *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
95. in_____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
96. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
97. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
98. good source of essential amino
a__ds *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
99. ha__y situation *adj.* covered with hair or having a furry texture; difficult, dangerous, or complicated
100. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
101. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
102. pu____y the blood *v.* to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it

ANSWERS: 91. disable, 92. versatile, 93. squash, 94. laboratory, 95. instantly, 96. headline, 97. creature, 98. acid, 99. hairy, 100. ancestor, 101. predator, 102. purify

103. poison f__g *n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals
104. juvenile di____es *n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
105. receive a na__y surprise *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
106. lottery ja____t *n.* a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome
107. di____es patient *n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
108. employment co____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
109. produce of_____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
110. number of b_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
111. have a si____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
112. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 103. fang, 104. diabetes, 105. nasty, 106. jackpot, 107. diabetes, 108. contract, 109. offspring, 110. bug, 111. sibling, 112. process

113. gr_____me accident *adj.* causing horror or disgust
114. poisonous sc_____on *n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
115. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
116. g__e steadily at his face *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
117. sp____y outfit *adj.* having a stylish, athletic, or active appearance or character
118. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
119. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
120. hyp_____ion rate *n.* a medical condition characterized by abnormally high blood pressure in the arteries, often leading to an increased risk of heart disease, stroke, and other health problems
121. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
122. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
123. vi__r poison *n.* venomous snake

ANSWERS: 113. gruesome, 114. scorpion, 115. helpless, 116. gaze, 117. sporty, 118. survival, 119. predator, 120. hypertension, 121. separate, 122. possibility, 123. viper

124. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
125. keep ta_____las as pets *n.* a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs
126. aquatic co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
127. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
128. high vo____e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
129. a ve_____le writer *adj.* able to do many things in different fields; having many talents
130. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
131. the function of the thyroid gl__d *n.* a group of cells in an animal's body that produce substances needed by the body and release them through ducts or directly into the bloodstream
132. variety of ma____e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
133. ba_____y seating *n.* a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
134. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 124. bug, 125. tarantula, 126. compound, 127. fantastic, 128. volume, 129. versatile, 130. consistent, 131. gland, 132. marine, 133. balcony, 134. absolutely

135. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
136. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
137. se___r system *n.* an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater
138. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
139. sn___l mail *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
140. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
141. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
142. post re_____ly to a blog *adv.* at regular intervals or times
143. mic_____pe slide *n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye
144. g___e absently out a window *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
145. ant_____ial properties *adj.* having the ability to prevent or combat the growth of microorganisms, particularly bacteria and fungi
146. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

ANSWERS: 135. concentration, 136. suffer, 137. sewer, 138. release, 139. snail, 140. exciting, 141. survival, 142. regularly, 143. microscope, 144. gaze, 145. antimicrobial, 146. helpless

147. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
148. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
149. di___e acid with water *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
150. ga___e away my fortune *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
151. sn___l pace *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
152. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
153. se___r device *n.* an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater
154. pr_____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
155. ba_____y view *n.* a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
156. local ane_____ic *n.* a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain
157. wi___w pension *n.* a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried
158. f___t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 147. industrious, 148. fantastic, 149. dilute, 150. gamble, 151. snail, 152. experiment, 153. sewer, 154. precious, 155. balcony, 156. anesthetic, 157. widow, 158. feat

159. pre_____or model *n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder
160. as___p at the wheel *adj.* in a state of sleep
161. ma___e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
162. hear gr_____me details *adj.* causing horror or disgust
163. pa_____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
164. a war wi__w *n.* a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried
165. be killed in_____ly *adv.* immediately
166. political wr_____e *n.* a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter
167. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
168. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
169. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
170. penicillin-re_____nt bacteria *adj.* not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection
171. brood of vi__rs *n.* venomous snake
172. a c__e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

ANSWERS: 159. predecessor, 160. asleep, 161. marine, 162. gruesome, 163. paralyze, 164. widow, 165. instantly, 166. wrangle, 167. diverse, 168. amazing, 169. equivalent, 170. resistant, 171. viper, 172. clue

173. leather co__h *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
174. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
175. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
176. major pha_____cal companies *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
177. le__y table *adj.* having long, slender legs, often used to describe a woman or animal with particularly attractive or distinctive legs
178. ane_____ze a patient *v.* to administer a drug or other substance that causes a loss of sensation or consciousness, often to perform a medical procedure; to numb or dull a physical or emotional sensation
179. bio_____ing techniques *n.* the application of engineering principles to the design and production of biological systems and products
180. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
181. to___t seat *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
182. inc_____on of stupidity *n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something

ANSWERS: 173. couch, 174. decide, 175. volume, 176. pharmaceutical, 177. leggy, 178. anesthetize, 179. bioengineering, 180. industrious, 181. toilet, 182. incarnation

183. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
184. anthropology lab_____ry *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
185. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
186. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
187. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
188. not to be seen no_____ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
189. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
190. a joint ve_____e *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
191. ane_____ic injection *n.* a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain
192. four ba_____nt floor *n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

ANSWERS: 183. planet, 184. laboratory, 185. discovery, 186. attach, 187. investigate, 188. nowadays, 189. ancestor, 190. venture, 191. anesthetic, 192. basement

193. show ru____ss behavior *adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others
194. ca____r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
195. co__a bite *n.* a venomous snake found in Africa and Asia that can raise its head and spread a hood when threatened
196. le__y model *adj.* having long, slender legs, often used to describe a woman or animal with particularly attractive or distinctive legs
197. fear a ta_____la *n.* a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs
198. fl__h eating *n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
199. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
200. toxic ch_____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
201. pu____y hydrogen gas *v.* to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it
202. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 193. ruthless, 194. cancer, 195. cobra, 196. leggy, 197. tarantula, 198. flesh, 199. consistent, 200. chemical, 201. purify, 202. incredibly

203. the_____ic massage *adj.* relating to or involved in the treatment of illness or injury
204. former inc_____on *n.* the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something
205. di_____e a setting *v.* to cause someone or something to become unable to function properly or as intended; to incapacitate or immobilize
206. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
207. cha_____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
208. fr__k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
209. ane_____ze a wound *v.* to administer a drug or other substance that causes a loss of sensation or consciousness, often to perform a medical procedure; to numb or dull a physical or emotional sensation
210. a c__e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
211. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 203. therapeutic, 204. incarnation, 205. disable, 206. evolve, 207. charismatic, 208. freak, 209. anesthetize, 210. clue, 211. develop

212. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
213. med_____on by mouth *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
214. mo_____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
215. grow in fl__h *n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
216. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
217. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
218. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
219. pen_____in sensitivity testing *n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
220. give his te_____ny *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
221. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

ANSWERS: 212. feat, 213. medication, 214. monitor, 215. flesh, 216. sibling, 217. incredibly, 218. planet, 219. penicillin, 220. testimony, 221. efficient

222. abruptly in_____pt	<i>v.</i>	to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
223. re_____r approval ratings	<i>v.</i>	to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
224. win a ja_____t	<i>n.</i>	a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome
225. have ve_____us eyes	<i>adj.</i>	extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will
226. pa_____ze a person	<i>v.</i>	to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
227. the most am_____g feeling	<i>adj.</i>	extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
228. inv_____te the matter	<i>v.</i>	to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
229. eve_____ly succeed	<i>adv.</i>	finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
230. a na__y smell	<i>adj.</i>	very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
231. equ_____nt amounts	<i>n.</i>	having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
232. ef_____nt operation	<i>adj.</i>	performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

ANSWERS: 222. interrupt, 223. recover, 224. jackpot, 225. venomous, 226. paralyze, 227. amazing, 228. investigate, 229. eventually, 230. nasty, 231. equivalent, 232. efficient

233. re_____nt to persuasion *adj.* not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection
234. bio_____ing field *n.* the application of engineering principles to the design and production of biological systems and products
235. in_____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
236. an ins_____ant mistake *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
237. a rock fr__k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
238. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
239. young people no_____ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
240. treat the in_____on with antibiotics *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
241. the ve__m of a lizard *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
242. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
243. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

ANSWERS: 233. resistant, 234. bioengineering, 235. interrupt, 236. insignificant, 237. freak, 238. admire, 239. nowadays, 240. infection, 241. venom, 242. suffer, 243. experiment

244. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
245. re_____ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
246. harmful co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
247. a scanty ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
248. mu_____ly about hundredfold *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

ANSWERS: 244. capture, 245. regularly, 246. compound, 247. harvest, 248. multiply

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ train was packed with commuters during rush hour.
n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
2. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
3. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
4. He's a _____ actor who has acted in various parts.
adj. able to do many things in different fields; having many talents
5. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
6. Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial _____.
n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
7. He lay down and fell _____ immediately.
adj. in a state of sleep
8. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
n. a living being, especially an animal

ANSWERS: 1. tube, 2. siblings, 3. investigated, 4. versatile, 5. fantastic, 6. infections, 7. asleep, 8. creature

9. She gave money to help set up a _____ laboratory.

adj. relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs

10. Her research team made an important _____.

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

11. She walked to the _____ to freshen up before the meeting.

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

12. The youngster was _____ at by the beast.

v. to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else

13. The runway model's _____ strides were the highlight of the fashion show.

adj. having long, slender legs, often used to describe a woman or animal with particularly attractive or distinctive legs

14. The _____ of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

n. the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

15. There are many _____ vessels in the gills of fish.

n. a tube of small internal diameter; any of the minute tubes that carry blood

16. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

ANSWERS: 9. pharmaceutical, 10. discovery, 11. toilet, 12. gazed, 13. leggy, 14. flesh, 15. capillary, 16. paralyzed

17. The novel is an _____ of the author's experiences and imagination.
n. the embodiment of a concept or idea in a physical form; a person or thing that personifies something
18. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
19. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
20. I love to relax on the _____ and watch movies on the weekends.
n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
21. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
22. The industry in this country is still _____.
adj. of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
23. The _____ snake bit him, causing him to go into shock.
adj. extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will
24. During pregnancy, the stomach generates less _____ than usual.
n. sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials

ANSWERS: 17. incarnation, 18. charismatic, 19. amazing, 20. couch, 21. absolutely, 22. primitive, 23. venomous, 24. acid

25. I found a stink ____ crawling across the ceiling.
- n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
26. The pharmacist not only prescribes the _____ but also guides its proper use.
- n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
27. The furry _____ crawled across the floor, causing some to scream.
- n.* a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs
28. The new CEO is the _____ of the former CEO.
- n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder
29. The _____ spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.
- n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
30. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
31. The dictator was known for his _____ tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.
- adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

ANSWERS: 25. bug, 26. medication, 27. tarantula, 28. predecessor, 29. spider, 30. develop, 31. ruthless

32. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

33. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

34. His _____ showed highly positive results.

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

35. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

36. _____ prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.

- n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

37. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

38. The snake's _____ is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.

- n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

39. Yoga is known to have _____ benefits for the mind and body.

- adj.* relating to or involved in the treatment of illness or injury

40. The equipment is frequently used to _____ and distribute drinking water.

- v.* to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it

ANSWERS: 32. planet, 33. industrious, 34. experiments, 35. incredibly, 36. Bacteria, 37. exciting, 38. venom, 39. therapeutic, 40. purify

41. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
42. The king _____ slithered silently across the ground.
- n.* a venomous snake found in Africa and Asia that can raise its head and spread a hood when threatened
43. My father was tested for _____.
- n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
44. Insects in urban areas are becoming _____ to insecticides.
- adj.* not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection
45. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.
- n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
46. A single _____ of water can reflect the entire world upside down.
- n.* a small drop of liquid
47. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
48. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 41. process, 42. cobra, 43. diabetes, 44. resistant, 45. purity, 46. droplet, 47. release, 48. ancestor

49. 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

50. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

51. The gardener found a _____ slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

52. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

53. The _____ crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.

adj. causing horror or disgust

54. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

55. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

56. You are not _____ in your behavior.

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

ANSWERS: 49. separate, 50. eventually, 51. snail, 52. individual, 53. gruesome, 54. capture, 55. survive, 56. consistent

57. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

58. The new car has a _____ design and a powerful engine, making it fun to drive on winding roads.

adj. having a stylish, athletic, or active appearance or character

59. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

60. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

61. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

62. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

63. Witness _____ backed up the defendant's claims.

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

64. _____ a number by itself twice.

v. to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

ANSWERS: 57. chemical, 58. sporty, 59. interrupted, 60. clue, 61. admire, 62. monitor, 63. testimony, 64. Multiply

65. The _____ lab has state-of-the-art equipment and software for analyzing biological systems and designing new solutions.
- n.* the application of engineering principles to the design and production of biological systems and products
66. The _____ tail regenerates if severed.
- n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail
67. Underground rivers flow over a _____ layer that is impervious to water.
- n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
68. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
- n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
69. The two politicians had a heated _____ over the proposed tax reform.
- n.* a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter
70. The new rescue dog was covered in thick, _____ fur that kept him warm in cold weather.
- adj.* covered with hair or having a furry texture; difficult, dangerous, or complicated
71. The adrenal _____ produce steroids.
- n.* a group of cells in an animal's body that produce substances needed by the body and release them through ducts or directly into the bloodstream
72. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.
- n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected

ANSWERS: 65. bioengineering, 66. lizard's, 67. basement, 68. headline, 69. wrangle, 70. hairy, 71. glands, 72. freak

73. Mold exposure can release dangerous _____ into the air.
n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
74. The dentist administered an _____ to numb the patient's mouth before the procedure.
n. a substance that is administered to a person or an animal to produce a loss of sensation or consciousness so that medical or surgical procedures can be performed without causing pain
75. To lower _____ it is important to maintain a healthy diet and exercise regularly.
n. a medical condition characterized by abnormally high blood pressure in the arteries, often leading to an increased risk of heart disease, stroke, and other health problems
76. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.
adv. immediately
77. Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a _____.
n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
78. The _____ into the new market was risky, but it paid off.
n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring
79. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.
adv. at regular intervals or times
80. He has been prescribed an _____ to treat his infection.
n. a substance or drug that kills or slows down the growth of bacteria

ANSWERS: 73. toxins, 74. anesthetic, 75. hypertension, 76. instantly, 77. laboratory, 78. venture, 79. regularly, 80. antibiotic

81. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

82. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.

- n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

83. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.

- v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

84. I feel so _____ without you.

- adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

85. The company has a strict _____ for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

- n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

86. The medical team used an _____ solution to clean the surgical instruments.

- adj.* having the ability to prevent or combat the growth of microorganisms, particularly bacteria and fungi

87. I had to _____ the pop-up blocker in my browser to access the website.

- v.* to cause someone or something to become unable to function properly or as intended; to incapacitate or immobilize

88. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

- adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see

ANSWERS: 81. evolved, 82. harvest, 83. adapt, 84. helpless, 85. protocol, 86. antimicrobial, 87. disable, 88. invisible

89. The dentist will _____ your mouth before removing your wisdom teeth.
- v.* to administer a drug or other substance that causes a loss of sensation or consciousness, often to perform a medical procedure; to numb or dull a physical or emotional sensation
90. After hours of playing the slot machines, she finally hit the _____ and won hundreds of dollars.
- n.* a large cash prize or reward that is won by chance or luck; a situation in which one experiences an unexpectedly positive or fortunate outcome
91. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
- n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
92. He made me feel small and _____.
- adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
93. I used an optical _____ to observe the small organisms in the water sample.
- n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye
94. The vampire bared its _____ and growled.
- n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals
95. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.
- n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

ANSWERS: 89. anesthetize, 90. jackpot, 91. survival, 92. insignificant, 93. microscope, 94. fangs, 95. concentration

96. She _____ the concentrated juice with water.
v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
97. The city is upgrading its _____ system to prevent flooding during heavy rain.
n. an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater
98. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.
n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
99. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
100. The pit _____ coiled up, ready to strike at its prey.
n. venomous snake
101. The _____ venom can be lethal to humans.
n. a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
102. How many _____ does the average lion have?
n. descendant; any immature animal or plant
103. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
104. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.
n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

ANSWERS: 96. diluted, 97. sewer, 98. cancer, 99. equivalent, 100. viper, 101. scorpion's, 102. offspring, 103. attach, 104. contract

105. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.

- n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

106. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.

- adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

107. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

- v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

108. Will you _____ on the result of the fight?

- v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

109. They enjoyed a romantic dinner on the _____ overlooking the city.

- n.* a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space

110. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

111. They study the _____ of the universe.

- n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

112. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 105. compound, 106. diverse, 107. recovering, 108. gamble, 109. balcony, 110. decide, 111. evolution, 112. suffers

113. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

114. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

115. The doctor prescribed _____ to treat the bacterial infection.

n. an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections

116. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.

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

117. The weather turned _____.

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

118. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.

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

119. People can clone a sheep _____.

adv. at the current time, in comparison to the past

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

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

ANSWERS: 113. volume, 114. marine, 115. penicillin, 116. predator's, 117. nasty, 118. efficient, 119. nowadays, 120. feat

121. I like to _____ my grapes when making homemade wine.

v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

122. She became a _____ after her husband passed away.

n. a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried

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

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

124. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

ANSWERS: 121. squash, 122. widow, 123. possibility, 124. precious