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Session 1: Word List

forehead

n. the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline

synonym: brow, frontal bone, temple

(1) **forehead** wrinkles, (2) kiss on the **forehead**

The athlete had sweat dripping down her **forehead** after the intense workout.

disheveled

adj. in a state of disorder or disarray, often related to one's appearance, such as messy or untidy hair, clothing, or personal hygiene

synonym: messy, tousled, unkempt

(1) **disheveled** hair, (2) **disheveled** appearance

The hotel room was in **disheveled** condition after the wild party last night.

pale

adj. having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness

synonym: sallow, faint, ashen

(1) a **pale** complexion, (2) **pale** pink

She turned **pale** when she heard the news.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

exhaustion

n. the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength

synonym: fatigue, weariness, tiredness

(1) **exhaustion** of energy, (2) emotional **exhaustion**

The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental **exhaustion**.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym: descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym: immediately, right away, directly

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

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

recognizable

adj. easy to become aware of or identify

synonym: noticeable, perceptible, definite

(1) to a **recognizable** degree, (2) **recognizable** landmark

His car was easily **recognizable** in the parking lot.

suited

adj. appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances

synonym: appropriate, fitting, suitable

(1) **suited** for the job, (2) well- **suited** personality
The job offer was perfectly **suited** to her skills and experience.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym : fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

strap

n. a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport

synonym : band, belt, sling

(1) leather **strap**, (2) camera **strap**

The athlete tightened the **strap** on his running shoes before the race.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

pendulum

n. a weight hung from a fixed point used to regulate the movement of a clock or other mechanism

synonym : oscillator, balance, clock

(1) **pendulum** swings, (2) political **pendulum**

The **pendulum** clock was a familiar sight in the old house.

blade

n. the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

synonym : knife, sword, cutter

(1) a **blade** of grass, (2) the **blade** of a turbine
The **blade** of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.

raven

n. a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair

synonym: crow, blackbird, corvid

(1) **raven** feather, (2) **raven** in flight

The **raven's** distinctive croaking call echoed through the forest.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

macabre

adj. gruesome, grisly; relating to death

synonym: grotesque, gruesome, sinister

(1) **macabre** tales of war, (2) **macabre** art

The **macabre** scene in the horror movie gave her nightmares for weeks.

innovative

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

synonym: creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

Gothic

adj. of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries

synonym: medieval, mysterious, eerie

(1) a **Gothic** cathedral, (2) **Gothic** novel

The **Gothic** architecture of the cathedral was awe-inspiring.

horror

n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

synonym: fear, terror, dread

(1) **horror** movie, (2) **horror-struck** look

The stories of war crimes filled her with **horror**.

timeless

adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

synonym: dateless, everlasting, imperishable

(1) **timeless** masterpiece, (2) **timeless** topic

There is a **timeless** aspect to his most remarkable work.

genre

n. a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

synonym: type, category, style

(1) **genre** of music, (2) a literary **genre**

He is known for creating **genre-busting** paintings.

practitioner

n. a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher

synonym: professional, expert, specialist

(1) **practitioner** of Buddhism, (2) **practitioner** of law

She is a **practitioner** of traditional Chinese medicine.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

cardinal

n. a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head; (adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things

synonym : bishop, archbishop, carmine

(1) **cardinal** rule, (2) **cardinal** red

The **cardinal's** robes were made of rich red silk.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

command

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

synonym : control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery
The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards
Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching
That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

singular

n. being only one of its kind; unique

synonym: unique, sole, individual

(1) **singular** purpose, (2) **singular** goal
The **singular** beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience
The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident
The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym : enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

grief

n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

synonym : anguish, desperation, dismay

(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**

Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

guilt

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

synonym : regret, remorse, blame

(1) criminal **guilt**, (2) feeling of **guilt**

Shame and **guilt** have significant social influences.

resist

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

synonym : fight, defy, revolt

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

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

interpretation

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

synonym : rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**
His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

hint

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

synonym : clue, indication, suggestion

(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**

There was no **hint** of a problem.

supernatural

adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

synonym : paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

propensity

n. a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion

synonym : tendency, inclination, disposition

(1) **propensity** for violence, (2) **propensity** to procrastinate

His **propensity** for lying caused him to lose many friends.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym : devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

ghastly

adj. causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad

synonym :

horrifying, dreadful, terrifying

(1) **ghastly** sight, (2) **ghastly** mistake

The child's **ghastly** scream echoed through the haunted house.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

juxtapose

v. to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity

synonym: place side by side, compare, contrast

(1) **juxtapose** images, (2) **juxtapose** two ideas

The artist likes to **juxtapose** different styles and colors in her paintings.

empathy

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

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

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

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

synonym: stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

corpse

n. the dead body of a human being

synonym: body, remains, cadaver

(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal

The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym: hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

pioneering

adj. involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field

synonym: innovative, groundbreaking, trailblazing

(1) **pioneering** research, (2) **pioneering** spirit

The **pioneering** scientist developed a breakthrough technology that revolutionized the industry.

unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

synonym: inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information

By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously **unreliable**.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

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.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

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

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

misinterpret

v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way

synonym: misunderstand, falsify, misconstrue

(1) **misinterpret** the purpose, (2) **misinterpret** the data

He **misinterpreted** her statement and got the wrong idea.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

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.

experimental

adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have

synonym: empirical, exploratory, observed

(1) **experimental** data, (2) **experimental** design

The product is still in the **experimental** stage.

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**.

detective

n. a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them

synonym: gumshoe, investigator, hawkshaw

(1) **detective** work, (2) **detective** movie

The **detective** diligently pursued his cases.

rue

v. to feel regret or remorse over something that one has done or failed to do; to feel sorrow or pity for someone or something

synonym: regret, repent, lament

(1) **rue** the day, (2) **rue** my mistake

I **rue** not having studied harder when I was younger.

morgue

n. a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities

synonym: mortuary, funeral home, charnel house

(1) clinical **morgue**, (2) overcrowded **morgue**

The attendant at the **morgue** was responsible for cataloging the bodies and their respective information.

- 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.
- genius** *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen
(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music
Mozart was a musical **genius**.
- observation** *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
synonym : watching, notice, reflection
(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument
In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.
- deduct** *v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total
synonym : remove, subtract, withdraw
(1) **deduct** the interest, (2) **deduct** \$100 from the price
The bank **deducted** the premium amount from his bank account.
- baffle** *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
synonym : perplex, astound, hinder
(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises
The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.
- satire** *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
synonym : irony, mockery, ridicule

(1) **satire** magazine, (2) a pungent **satire**

The comedian's **satire** on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

hoax

n. a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank

synonym: deception, fraud, trick

(1) suspect a **hoax**, (2) **hoax** email

The newspaper article was revealed to be a **hoax**.

anticipate

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

synonym: forecast, predict, expect

(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

balloon

n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

synonym: aerostat, blimp, (verb) billow out

(1) **balloon** ride, (2) **balloon** into a severe political problem

The satellite **balloon** slowly ascended into the sky.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

hypnotic

adj. inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

synonym: soothing, soporific, slumberous

(1) mild **hypnotic**, (2) **hypnotic** effect

His voice had a **hypnotic** quality for me.

trance

n. a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

synonym: stupor, hypnosis, daydreaming

(1) **trance** state, (2) meditative **trance**

The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a **trance**.

adventure

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

synonym: experience, happening, incident

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

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

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

pole

n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

synonym : rod, staff, shaft

(1) a fishing **pole**, (2) the plus **pole**

The North **Pole** is the northernmost point on Earth.

astrophysics

n. the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe

(1) **astrophysics** research, (2) neutrino **astrophysics**

He was studying **astrophysics** in an attempt to understand the origins of the universe.

edit

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

synonym : revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

appreciation

n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

synonym : recognition, admiration, esteem

(1) express my **appreciation**, (2) **appreciation** for diversity

The artist received a lot of **appreciation** for his latest work.

poetry

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

synonym : ode, poesy, verse

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

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

haunting

adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or

shake off

synonym: lingering, disturbing, unsettling

(1) **haunting** memory, (2) a **haunting** sense of fear

The song's **haunting** melody stayed with me long after I heard it.

poem

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym: ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

mournful

adj. expressing or showing sorrow or grief; sad; melancholy

synonym: melancholy, doleful, mournsome

(1) **mournful** tears, (2) **mournful** expression

The **mournful** sound of the trumpet echoed through the church during the funeral service.

remembrance

n. the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento

synonym: memory, recollection, commemoration

(1) **remembrance** day, (2) eternal **remembrance**

The annual **remembrance** ceremony honors those who sacrificed their lives for the country.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym : spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

tuberculosis

n. an infectious disease usually caused by tubercle bacteria that can attack many parts of a person's body, especially their lungs

(1) died of **tuberculosis**, (2) a medicine for **tuberculosis**

Tuberculosis used to be considered a fatal disease.

struggle

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

synonym : toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

alcoholism

n. a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages

synonym : alcohol dependency, alcohol addiction, drunkenness

(1) acute **alcoholism**, (2) **alcoholism** recovery

He lost everything due to his **alcoholism**.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym : periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

antagonize

v. to cause someone to feel anger or hostility; to provoke or irritate

synonym : provoke, annoy, irritate

(1) **antagonize** an enemy, (2) **antagonize** a rival team

His constant nitpicking and criticism only served to **antagonize** his coworkers.

fame

n. the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

synonym : celebrity, renown, stardom

(1) leap into **fame**, (2) his undying **fame**

Good **fame** is better than a good face.

posthumous

adj. occurring or appearing after one's death, especially about the publication or release of works, awards, or honors

synonym : postmortem, post-obituary

(1) **posthumous** award, (2) **posthumous** work

The author's **posthumous** novel was finally released after his death.

loose

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

synonym : relaxed, unconsolidated, open

(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair

The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.

adaptation

n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

synonym : adaption, adjustment, transformation

(1) **adaptation** ability, (2) language **adaptation**

The company's **adaptation** approach has been highly effective.

inspiration

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

or creativity

synonym: motivation, drive, encouragement

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

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

alike

adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance

synonym: similar, identical, comparable

(1) young and old **alike**, (2) **alike** in nature

The two paintings looked **alike** as if the same artist had done them.

brood

v. to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth

synonym: offspring, hatch, family

(1) **brood** about the defeat, (2) a **brood** of chickens

The terrible result **brooded** over her all day long.

visage

n. the face or facial expression of a person

synonym: countenance, expression, aspect

(1) a stern **visage**, (2) a **visage** of grim assurance

Her noble **visage** was calm and composed, even in danger.

Session 2: Spelling

1. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
2. mo_____ul expression *adj.* expressing or showing sorrow or grief; sad; melancholy
3. kiss on the fo_____ad *n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
4. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
5. mis_____ret the data *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
6. ha__t memories *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
7. tr___e state *n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
8. pro_____ty to procrastinate *n.* a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion

ANSWERS: 1. violent, 2. mournful, 3. forehead, 4. confront, 5. misinterpret, 6. haunt, 7. trance, 8. propensity

9. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
10. ca_____al rule *n.* a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head; (adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things
11. ba_____n ride *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
12. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
13. Go____c novel *adj.* of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries
14. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
15. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
16. ha__t my conscience *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

ANSWERS: 9. feat, 10. cardinal, 11. balloon, 12. violent, 13. Gothic, 14. frightening, 15. empathy, 16. haunt

17. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
18. pra_____ner of law *n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
19. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
20. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
21. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
22. a gas ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
23. suspect a h___x *n.* a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank
24. a lo__e tongue *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
25. clinical mo_____e *n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities
26. in_____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
27. si_____ar purpose *n.* being only one of its kind; unique

ANSWERS: 17. victim, 18. practitioner, 19. refuse, 20. storytelling, 21. poverty, 22. chamber, 23. hoax, 24. loose, 25. morgue, 26. instantly, 27. singular

28. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
29. exp____tal design *adj.* relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
30. fr____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
31. young and old al__e *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
32. re____e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
33. the co____e of an animal *n.* the dead body of a human being
34. acute alc____sm *n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
35. app____ion for diversity *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
36. stylistically inn____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
37. a vi____e of grim assurance *n.* the face or facial expression of a person
38. pro____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
39. a bl__e of grass *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

ANSWERS: 28. struggle, 29. experimental, 30. frequent, 31. alike, 32. refuse, 33. corpse, 34. alcoholism, 35. appreciation, 36. innovative, 37. visage, 38. protagonist, 39. blade

40. a fishing p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
41. modern po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
42. gh____y mistake *adj.* causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad
43. ant_____ze an enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel anger or hostility; to provoke or irritate
44. alc_____sm recovery *n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
45. died of tub_____sis *n.* an infectious disease usually caused by tubercle bacteria that can attack many parts of a person's body, especially their lungs
46. unr_____le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
47. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
48. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
49. ant_____ze a rival team *v.* to cause someone to feel anger or hostility; to provoke or irritate
50. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 40. pole, 41. poetry, 42. ghastly, 43. antagonize, 44. alcoholism, 45. tuberculosis, 46. unreliable, 47. destruction, 48. critic, 49. antagonize, 50. feat

51. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
52. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
53. mild hy____ic *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
54. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
55. ho____r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
56. id____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
57. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
58. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
59. his undying f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
60. French pa____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
61. ra__n in flight *n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair

ANSWERS: 51. poverty, 52. moral, 53. hypnotic, 54. poem, 55. horror, 56. identify, 57. observation, 58. destruction, 59. fame, 60. paradox, 61. raven

62. ba____n into a severe political problem
n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
63. helpful h__ts
n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
64. the tr__d away from television
n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing
65. a Go____c cathedral
adj. of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries
66. express my app_____ion
n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
67. re____t temptation
v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
68. ju_____se two ideas
v. to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity
69. well-su____d personality
adj. appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances
70. fo_____ad wrinkles
n. the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline

ANSWERS: 62. balloon, 63. hint, 64. trend, 65. Gothic, 66. appreciation, 67. resist, 68. juxtapose, 69. suited, 70. forehead

71. de___t \$100 from the price *v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total
72. gh____y sight *adj.* causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad
73. provide a ve_____le solution *adj.* able to do many things in different fields; having many talents
74. ada_____on ability *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
75. leap into f__e *n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on
76. ad_____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
77. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
78. co_____d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
79. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
80. a stern vi___e *n.* the face or facial expression of a person

ANSWERS: 71. deduct, 72. ghastly, 73. versatile, 74. adaptation, 75. fame, 76. adventure, 77. patient, 78. command, 79. reward, 80. visage

81. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
82. language ada_____on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
83. the bl__e of a turbine *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
84. ju_____se images *v.* to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity
85. ant_____te a black future *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
86. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
87. the na_____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
88. pe_____um swings *n.* a weight hung from a fixed point used to regulate the movement of a clock or other mechanism
89. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
90. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something

ANSWERS: 81. reputation, 82. adaptation, 83. blade, 84. juxtapose, 85. anticipate, 86. relate, 87. narrator, 88. pendulum, 89. invention, 90. participate

91. pa____t in the hospital
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
92. open to int_____ion
n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
93. courtroom sto_____ing
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
94. pos_____us award
adj. occurring or appearing after one's death, especially about the publication or release of works, awards, or honors
95. a p__e complexion
adj. having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness
96. fr_____nt absence
adj. happening constantly
97. the pa_____x of the heap
n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
98. de____t the interest
v. to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total
99. source of ins_____on
n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
100. ha_____ng memory
adj. lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off

ANSWERS: 91. patient, 92. interpretation, 93. storytelling, 94. posthumous, 95. pale, 96. frequent, 97. paradox, 98. deduct, 99. inspiration, 100. haunting

101. gastronomic ad_____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
102. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
103. book of po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
104. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
105. de_____ve work *n.* a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them
106. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
107. criminal gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
108. pio_____ng spirit *adj.* involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field
109. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
110. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 101. adventure, 102. genius, 103. poetry, 104. intelligence, 105. detective, 106. reputation, 107. guilt, 108. pioneering, 109. struggle, 110. relate

111. a person of ge___s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
112. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
113. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
114. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
115. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
116. ba___e his plan *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
117. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
118. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
119. ti_____ss masterpiece *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
120. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
121. remove lo__e hair *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

ANSWERS: 111. genius, 112. fiction, 113. edit, 114. novel, 115. intense, 116. baffle, 117. identify, 118. invention, 119. timeless, 120. mere, 121. loose

122. be killed in_____ly *adv.* immediately
123. rec_____ble landmark *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
124. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
125. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
126. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
127. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
128. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
129. ma_____e art *adj.* gruesome, grisly; relating to death
130. a ha_____ng sense of fear *adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
131. desiccated co___e *n.* the dead body of a human being
132. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
133. ba___e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

ANSWERS: 122. instantly, 123. recognizable, 124. decide, 125. moral, 126. murder, 127. victim, 128. observation, 129. macabre, 130. haunting, 131. corpse, 132. fiction, 133. baffle

134. dis_____ed appearance *adj.* in a state of disorder or disarray, often related to one's appearance, such as messy or untidy hair, clothing, or personal hygiene
135. a br__d of chickens *v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
136. unsolved my_____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
137. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
138. exp_____tal data *adj.* relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
139. feeling of gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
140. emotional exh_____on *n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
141. pro_____ty for violence *n.* a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion

ANSWERS: 134. disheveled, 135. brood, 136. mystery, 137. descend, 138. experimental, 139. guilt, 140. exhaustion, 141. propensity

142. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
143. sup_____ral intuition *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
144. ha_____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
145. mu____r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
146. sup_____ral beings *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
147. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
148. su____d for the job *adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances
149. de_____ve movie *n.* a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them
150. prove unr_____le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
151. ca_____al red *n.* a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head; (adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things

ANSWERS: 142. intelligence, 143. supernatural, 144. haunted, 145. murder, 146. supernatural, 147. descend, 148. suited, 149. detective, 150. unreliable, 151. cardinal

152. co____d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
153. the lower ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
154. par____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
155. ma____e tales of war *adj.* gruesome, grisly; relating to death
156. ra__n feather *n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair
157. ho____r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
158. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
159. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
160. political pe____um *n.* a weight hung from a fixed point used to regulate the movement of a clock or other mechanism
161. dis____ed hair *adj.* in a state of disorder or disarray, often related to one's appearance, such as messy or untidy hair, clothing, or personal hygiene

ANSWERS: 152. command, 153. chamber, 154. participate, 155. macabre, 156. raven, 157. horror, 158. reward, 159. edit, 160. pendulum, 161. disheveled

162. to a rec_____ble degree *adj.* easy to become aware of or identify
163. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
164. leather st__p *n.* a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport
165. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
166. 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
167. exh_____on of energy *n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
168. neutrino ast_____ics *n.* the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe
169. al__e in nature *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
170. rem_____ce day *n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento
171. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

ANSWERS: 162. recognizable, 163. contribute, 164. strap, 165. hint, 166. decide, 167. exhaustion, 168. astrophysics, 169. alike, 170. remembrance, 171. mere

172. h__x email *n.* a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank
173. a literary ge__e *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
174. re___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
175. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
176. the int_____ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
177. ant_____te your kind cooperation *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
178. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
179. camera st__p *n.* a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport
180. the plus p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

ANSWERS: 172. hoax, 173. genre, 174. resist, 175. protagonist, 176. interpretation, 177. anticipate, 178. novel, 179. strap, 180. pole

181. ti____ss topic *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
182. use of inn____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
183. sa___e magazine *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
184. ast____ics research *n.* the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe
185. mis____ret the purpose *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
186. a lot of gr__f *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
187. con____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
188. pos____us work *adj.* occurring or appearing after one's death, especially about the publication or release of works, awards, or honors
189. ha____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

ANSWERS: 181. timeless, 182. innovative, 183. satire, 184. astrophysics, 185. misinterpret, 186. grief, 187. contribute, 188. posthumous, 189. haunted

190. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
191. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
192. r_e the day *v.* to feel regret or remorse over something that one has done or failed to do; to feel sorrow or pity for someone or something
193. a ve_____le writer *adj.* able to do many things in different fields; having many talents
194. br__d about the defeat *v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
195. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
196. pio_____ng research *adj.* involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field
197. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
198. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
199. eternal rem_____ce *n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento

ANSWERS: 190. confront, 191. trend, 192. rue, 193. versatile, 194. brood, 195. sink, 196. pioneering, 197. intense, 198. critic, 199. remembrance

200. pra_____ner of Buddhism *n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
201. a pungent sa___e *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
202. first-person na____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
203. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
204. mo_____ul tears *adj.* expressing or showing sorrow or grief; sad; melancholy
205. overcrowded mo____e *n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities
206. hy_____ic effect *adj.* inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion
207. ge__e of music *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
208. si_____ar goal *n.* being only one of its kind; unique

ANSWERS: 200. practitioner, 201. satire, 202. narrator, 203. sink, 204. mournful, 205. morgue, 206. hypnotic, 207. genre, 208. singular

209. meditative tr___e *n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
210. have gr__f and sorrow *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
211. r_e my mistake *v.* to feel regret or remorse over something that one has done or failed to do; to feel sorrow or pity for someone or something
212. a narrative p__m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
213. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
214. a medicine for tub_____sis *n.* an infectious disease usually caused by tubercle bacteria that can attack many parts of a person's body, especially their lungs
215. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 209. trance, 210. grief, 211. rue, 212. poem, 213. frightening, 214. tuberculosis, 215. mystery

216. p__e pink *adj.* having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness
217. full of em____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
218. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

ANSWERS: 216. pale, 217. empathy, 218. inspiration

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

2. She is a _____ of traditional Chinese medicine.
n. a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher

3. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

4. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

5. The general gave a _____ to his troops to prepare for battle.
n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

6. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

7. The satellite _____ slowly ascended into the sky.
n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

ANSWERS: 1. frightening, 2. practitioner, 3. mystery, 4. rewards, 5. command, 6. contribute, 7. balloon

8. The job offer was perfectly _____ to her skills and experience.
adj. appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances
9. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.
v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
10. Each person has a unique _____ experience.
n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
11. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
12. The North _____ is the northernmost point on Earth.
n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
13. Truth is stranger than _____.
n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
14. The crowd's boos and jeers continued to _____ the performer long after the show ended.
v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
15. He could not _____ against temptation.
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 8. suited, 9. edit, 10. grief, 11. novel, 12. Pole, 13. fiction, 14. haunt, 15. struggle

16. The _____ of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.
- n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
17. My initial reaction was to _____.
- v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
18. 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
19. There are many theories to explain this _____.
- n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
20. The attendant at the _____ was responsible for cataloging the bodies and their respective information.
- n.* a place where dead bodies are kept, particularly in preparation for burial or identification by their relatives or authorities
21. The comedian's _____ on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.
- n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
22. His _____ of literary works are often unique.
- n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
23. _____ used to be considered a fatal disease.
- n.* an infectious disease usually caused by tubercle bacteria that can attack many parts of a person's body, especially their lungs

ANSWERS: 16. blade, 17. refuse, 18. decide, 19. paradox, 20. morgue, 21. satire, 22. interpretations, 23. Tuberculosis

24. His voice had a _____ quality for me.

adj. inducing sleep; causing sleepiness, mainly as a result of a repetitive noise or motion

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

n. the condition of being extremely poor

26. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

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

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

28. The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a _____.

n. a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

29. His constant nitpicking and criticism only served to _____ his coworkers.

v. to cause someone to feel anger or hostility; to provoke or irritate

30. The athlete tightened the _____ on his running shoes before the race.

n. a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport

31. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

ANSWERS: 24. hypnotic, 25. poverty, 26. murder, 27. resist, 28. trance, 29. antagonize, 30. strap, 31. invention

32. The police found the _____ in the abandoned building.
n. the dead body of a human being
33. Her noble _____ was calm and composed, even in danger.
n. the face or facial expression of a person
34. She turned _____ when she heard the news.
adj. having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness
35. The _____ robes were made of rich red silk.
n. a high-ranking official in the Roman Catholic Church, appointed by the Pope; a deep or bright red color; a bird of the finch family with a distinctive crest on its head; (adjective) of or relating to the highest or most important things
36. The _____ sound of the trumpet echoed through the church during the funeral service.
adj. expressing or showing sorrow or grief; sad; melancholy
37. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
38. He _____ her statement and got the wrong idea.
v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way
39. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

ANSWERS: 32. corpse, 33. visage, 34. pale, 35. cardinal's, 36. mournful, 37. storytelling, 38. misinterpreted, 39. sink

40. The artist received a lot of _____ for his latest work.
n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
41. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.
adv. immediately
42. There is a _____ aspect to his most remarkable work.
adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
43. The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental _____.
n. the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
44. The _____ scene in the horror movie gave her nightmares for weeks.
adj. gruesome, grisly; relating to death
45. He lost the election by _____ votes.
adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
46. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
47. The stories of war crimes filled her with _____.
n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
48. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 40. appreciation, 41. instantly, 42. timeless, 43. exhaustion, 44. macabre, 45. mere, 46. descended, 47. horror, 48. intense

49. The newspaper article was revealed to be a _____.
n. a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank
50. There was no _____ of a problem.
n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
51. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
n. the act of causing so much damage to something
52. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.
n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
53. The _____ beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.
n. being only one of its kind; unique
54. The two paintings looked _____ as if the same artist had done them.
adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance
55. By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously _____.
adj. not able to be trusted or depended on
56. The product is still in the _____ stage.
adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
57. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

ANSWERS: 49. hoax, 50. hint, 51. destruction, 52. adventures, 53. singular, 54. alike, 55. unreliable, 56. experimental, 57. haunted,

58. He lost everything due to his _____.
- n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
59. The annual _____ ceremony honors those who sacrificed their lives for the country.
- n.* the act of remembering or honoring a person, event, or thing from the past; a memory or memento
60. The bank _____ the premium amount from his bank account.
- v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total
61. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.
- n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
62. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
63. The hotel room was in _____ condition after the wild party last night.
- adj.* in a state of disorder or disarray, often related to one's appearance, such as messy or untidy hair, clothing, or personal hygiene
64. Mozart was a musical _____.
- n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
65. His car was easily _____ in the parking lot.
- adj.* easy to become aware of or identify

ANSWERS: 58. alcoholism, 59. remembrance, 60. deducted, 61. chambers, 62. victim, 63. disheveled, 64. genius, 65. recognizable

66. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
67. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
68. We _____ heavy snowfall tomorrow.
- v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
69. The _____ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.
- adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
70. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
71. Shame and _____ have significant social influences.
- n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
72. He is known for creating _____ paintings.
- n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
73. Good _____ is better than a good face.
- n.* the condition of being well-known and discussed by a large number of people as a result of one's accomplishments, abilities, and so on

ANSWERS: 66. critics, 67. Empathy, 68. anticipate, 69. supernatural, 70. identify, 71. guilt, 72. genre-busting, 73. fame

74. The child's _____ scream echoed through the haunted house.

adj. causing great horror or fear; shockingly unpleasant or bad

75. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

76. The _____ scientist developed a breakthrough technology that revolutionized the industry.

adj. involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field

77. The oil price continued their downward _____.

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

78. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

79. The paradox _____ most philosophers.

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

80. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

81. The artist likes to _____ different styles and colors in her paintings.

v. to place two or more things side by side, often to compare or contrast them or to create an effect of surprise or incongruity

82. The _____ distinctive croaking call echoed through the forest.

n. a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair

ANSWERS: 74. ghastly, 75. moral, 76. pioneering, 77. trend, 78. narrator, 79. baffled, 80. confront, 81. juxtapose, 82. raven's

83. The athlete had sweat dripping down her _____ after the intense workout.
n. the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
84. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
85. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
86. The _____ diligently pursued his cases.
n. a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them
87. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
88. His _____ for lying caused him to lose many friends.
n. a natural inclination, preference, or tendency toward a particular activity, behavior, or opinion
89. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
90. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

ANSWERS: 83. forehead, 84. reputation, 85. poem, 86. detective, 87. participated, 88. propensity, 89. violent, 90. intelligence,

91. The terrible result _____ over her all day long.
v. to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
92. I ____ not having studied harder when I was younger.
v. to feel regret or remorse over something that one has done or failed to do; to feel sorrow or pity for someone or something
93. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.
adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
94. His heartaches are less _____ now.
adj. happening constantly
95. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
96. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
97. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
98. The inspector discovered _____ bolts under the fuel rods.
adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

ANSWERS: 91. brooded, 92. rue, 93. innovative, 94. frequent, 95. patient's, 96. inspiration, 97. protagonist's, 98. loose

99. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
- v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
100. The _____ architecture of the cathedral was awe-inspiring.
- adj.* of or relating to a style of architecture and art characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, popular in Europe in the 12th-16th centuries
101. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.
- n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
102. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.
- n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
103. The company's _____ approach has been highly effective.
- n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
104. The song's _____ melody stayed with me long after I heard it.
- adj.* lingering in the mind or memory, often in a disturbing or unsettling way; (noun) something difficult to forget or shake off
105. He was studying _____ in an attempt to understand the origins of the universe.
- n.* the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe

ANSWERS: 99. relate, 100. Gothic, 101. observation, 102. poetry, 103. adaptation, 104. haunting, 105. astrophysics

106. The _____ clock was a familiar sight in the old house.

n. a weight hung from a fixed point used to regulate the movement of a clock or other mechanism

107. 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

108. He's a _____ actor who has acted in various parts.

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

109. The author's _____ novel was finally released after his death.

adj. occurring or appearing after one's death, especially about the publication or release of works, awards, or honors

ANSWERS: 106. pendulum, 107. feat, 108. versatile, 109. posthumous