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Session 1: Word List

unexplained

adj. not able to be explained or understood, lacking explanation or justification for something unknown or mysterious

synonym: mysterious, inexplicable, enigmatic

(1) **unexplained** phenomenon, (2) **unexplained** disappearance

There was an **unexplained** noise coming from the attic that frightened us all.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

numerous

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

synonym: many, considerable, countless

(1) **numerous** countries, (2) as **numerous** as the sand

These descriptions are based on a number of **numerous** assumptions.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym: fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

inquiry

n. the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

synonym: question, research, exploration

(1) **inquiry** about the product, (2) launch an **inquiry**

Our tech support responds to the first **inquiry** exceptionally promptly.

zen

n. a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements

synonym: meditative, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **zen** garden, (2) **zen** meditation

Daily yoga helped her achieve a **zen** state of mind and calmness.

monk

n. a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience

synonym: friar, cleric, brother

(1) **monk** lifestyle, (2) cloistered **monk**

The ascetic **monk** spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym: corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee

Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

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.

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

urge

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

synonym : push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

meditation

n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

synonym : contemplation, reflection, introspection

(1) **meditation** training, (2) religious **meditation**

The **meditation** instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym : approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

bewilder

v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

synonym : perplex, confound, puzzle

(1) **bewilder** the reader, (2) **bewilder** scientists

The complex instructions on the assignment sheet **bewilder** most students.

ambiguous

adj. open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided

synonym : unclear, uncertain, equivocal

(1) **ambiguous** situation, (2) clarify **ambiguous** points

The instructions provided were **ambiguous** and confused the team.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

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.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

gong

n. a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts

synonym: bell, chime, clang

(1) **gong** sound, (2) temple **gong**

As the martial arts master began the demonstration, the sound of the **gong** filled the dojo.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

intentionally

adv. in a planned or intended way

synonym: knowingly, calculatedly, deliberately

(1) she hit him **intentionally**, (2) She **intentionally** spread misleading information.

She would never **intentionally** hurt anyone.

incomprehensible

adj. impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended

synonym:

unintelligible, unfathomable, inexplicable

(1) **incomprehensible** jargon, (2) **incomprehensible** math problem

The mathematical formula was **incomprehensible** to most of the students.

surreal

adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

synonym: dreamlike, fantastical, unreal

(1) **surreal** number, (2) **surreal** art

The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a **surreal** feel.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

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

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

contradict

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

synonym: conflict, oppose, belie

(1) **contradict** each other, (2) **contradict** the principle

The book contains numerous statements that **contradict** previous reports.

proverb

n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

synonym: adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

monastic

adj. relating to monk or monasticism; ascetic or austere in lifestyle or habits

synonym: contemplative, solitary, austere

(1) **monastic** community, (2) **monastic** orders

The **monastic** lifestyle of the monks involved living in solitude and silence.

attachment

n. a feeling of affection for someone or something
synonym: adoration, affection, extension

(1) **attachment** to a formal plan, (2) stand mixer fitted with the paddle **attachment**

I have no **attachment** to the countryside.

binary

n. a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
synonym: twofold, double

(1) a **binary** number, (2) trading in **binary** options

A **binary** star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

illogical

adj. not making sense or not based on sound reasoning
synonym: irrational, senseless, nonsensical

(1) **illogical** argument, (2) **illogical** reasoning

His argument made no sense and was completely **illogical**.

anecdote

n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
synonym: story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
synonym: uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

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**.

puzzling

adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

synonym: baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

breakthrough

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

synonym : advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough** discovery

A technique called deep learning has led to **breakthroughs** in AI.

misguided

adj. having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action

synonym : mistaken, wrong, erring

(1) **misguided** policies, (2) a **misguided** sense of duty

His **misguided** attempt to fix the problem only made it worse.

decipher

v. to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way

synonym : interpret, decode, translate

(1) **decipher** code, (2) **decipher** message

He spent hours trying to **decipher** the ancient text.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym : plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

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.

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.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story
The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

synonym: muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano
The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

attractive

adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

synonym: beautiful, fetching, alluring

(1) **attractive** men, (2) **attractive** opportunity
The growth of the "sharing economy" is **attractive** for tech companies.

politely

adv. in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others

synonym: courteously, respectfully, graciously

(1) **politely** ask, (2) nodded **politely**

She **politely** declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym: amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

accord

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

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

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

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

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

restrain

v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

synonym: restrict, limit, control

(1) **restrain** from violence, (2) **restrain** a child

The police had to **restrain** the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.

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.

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym : stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym : clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym : study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym: derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym: shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

ripple

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

synonym: wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water

Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

banner

n. a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page

synonym: flag, pennant, advertisement

(1) the star-spangled **banner**, (2) **banner** advertising

They unfurled the **banners** in preparation for the ceremony.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

intervene

v. to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse

synonym: interfere, mediate, intercede

(1) **intervene** in a dispute, (2) **intervene** between quarreling parties

Following international law, our country does not **intervene** in the internal affairs of our neighbors.

movement

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

synonym: motion, progression, action

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

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

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

synonym: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature

The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

assert

v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

synonym: maintain, state, declare

(1) **assert** a free society, (2) **assert** a claim for unjust enrichment

She **asserted** that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of

importance.

observable

adj. that can be noticed or seen

synonym : visible, perceptible, detectable

(1) **observable** change, (2) experimentally **observable**

Any theorem relies on both **observable** fact and assumption.

infer

v. to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts

synonym : guess, deduce, assume

(1) **infer** quality from price, (2) **infer** the possibility

Animal desire and preference are always **inferred** from their behavior.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym : burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym : challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life
Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

synonym : cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship
The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

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.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym : understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus
He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

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.

wrestling

n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

synonym : grappling, fighting, brawling

(1) **wrestling** match, (2) arm **wrestling**
He had always been interested in sumo **wrestling** and decided to try it.

supposedly

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

synonym: seemingly, allegedly, purportedly

(1) **supposedly** identical, (2) neckless **supposedly** made of pure gold

He is **supposedly** nominated for a Nobel Prize.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym: decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

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.

paradoxical

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

synonym: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

Session 2: Spelling

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25. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
26. cloistered m__k *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
27. 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;
28. an indomitable sp____t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 19. religion, 20. overcome, 21. resistant, 22. intentionally, 23. abolish, 24. infer, 25. argue, 26. monk, 27. paradox, 28. spirit

29. a hackneyed pr____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
30. id____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
31. public ri____le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
32. con_____ct the principle *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
33. mi_____ed policies *adj.* having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
34. ri___e in the water *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
35. chemical ad____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
36. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
37. bre_____ugh discovery *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

ANSWERS: 29. proverb, 30. identify, 31. ridicule, 32. contradict, 33. misguided, 34. ripple, 35. addition, 36. temple, 37. breakthrough

38. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
39. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
40. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
41. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
42. temple g__g *n.* a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts
43. experimentally obs_____le *adj.* that can be noticed or seen
44. sup_____ly identical *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
45. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
46. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
47. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
48. att_____nt to a formal plan *n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something

ANSWERS: 38. commitment, 39. physically, 40. refer, 41. argue, 42. gong, 43. observable, 44. supposedly, 45. commitment, 46. roughly, 47. essential, 48. attachment

49. nodded po____ly *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
50. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
51. 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
52. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
53. fr_____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
54. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
55. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
56. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
57. 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

ANSWERS: 49. politely, 50. shock, 51. mystery, 52. spiritual, 53. frequent, 54. experiment, 55. spiritual, 56. inspire, 57. struggle

58. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
59. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
60. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
61. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
62. po_____ly ask *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
63. pu_____ng questions *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
64. funny an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
65. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
66. ex_____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
67. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 58. debate, 59. religion, 60. inspire, 61. accord, 62. politely, 63. puzzling, 64. anecdote, 65. illustrate, 66. examine, 67. insist

68. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
69. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
70. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
71. att_____ve men *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
72. z_n meditation *n.* a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements
73. pu_____ng behavior *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
74. a ri___e of laughter *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
75. m_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
76. arm wr_____ng *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
77. a par_____al anecdote *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

ANSWERS: 68. examine, 69. frequent, 70. suppose, 71. attractive, 72. zen, 73. puzzling, 74. ripple, 75. mud, 76. wrestling, 77. paradoxical

78. as___t a claim for unjust enrichment *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
79. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
80. il_____al argument *adj.* not making sense or not based on sound reasoning
81. be_____er the reader *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
82. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
83. con_____ct each other *v.* to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with
84. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
85. launch an in_____y *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
86. a fountain of wi___m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
87. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 78. assert, 79. physically, 80. illogical, 81. bewilder, 82. experiment, 83. contradict, 84. philosophy, 85. inquiry, 86. wisdom, 87. defy

88. 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
89. ba____r advertising *n.* a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page
90. clarify am_____us points *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
91. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
92. mo____ic community *adj.* relating to monk or monasticism; ascetic or austere in lifestyle or habits
93. su____l number *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
94. att_____ve opportunity *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
95. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

ANSWERS: 88. mystery, 89. banner, 90. ambiguous, 91. blind, 92. monastic, 93. surreal, 94. attractive, 95. vice

96. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
97. re_____in a child *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
98. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
99. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
100. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
101. apparently par_____al *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
102. de_____er code *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
103. cl__g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
104. in__t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 96. shock, 97. restrain, 98. investigate, 99. resolve, 100. translate, 101. paradoxical, 102. decipher, 103. cling, 104. insist

105. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
106. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
107. ancient pr_____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
108. be_____er scientists *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
109. tr_____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
110. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
111. wr_____ng match *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
112. re_____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
113. in_____y about the product *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
114. spiritual enl_____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

ANSWERS: 105. desire, 106. confuse, 107. proverb, 108. bewilder, 109. trigger, 110. perception, 111. wrestling, 112. resolve, 113. inquiry, 114. enlightenment

115. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
116. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
117. m_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
118. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
119. the int_____ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
120. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
121. une_____ed disappearance *adj.* not able to be explained or understood, lacking explanation or justification for something unknown or mysterious
122. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

ANSWERS: 115. cling, 116. spirit, 117. mud, 118. debate, 119. interpretation, 120. temple, 121. unexplained, 122. accord

123. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
124. g__g sound *n.* a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts
125. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
126. helpful h__ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
127. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
128. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
129. z_n garden *n.* a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements

ANSWERS: 123. insight, 124. gong, 125. addition, 126. hint, 127. claim, 128. identify, 129. zen

130. a bi___y number *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
131. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
132. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
133. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
134. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
135. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
136. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
137. m__k lifestyle *n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
138. re_____in from violence *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

ANSWERS: 130. binary, 131. frame, 132. movement, 133. translate, 134. conflict, 135. conflict, 136. movement, 137. monk, 138. restrain

139. free from am_____ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
140. ri_____le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
141. bre_____ugh in the negotiations *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
142. am_____us situation *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
143. personal an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
144. inc_____ble math problem *adj.* impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended
145. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
146. avoid am_____ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
147. obs_____le change *adj.* that can be noticed or seen

ANSWERS: 139. ambiguity, 140. ridicule, 141. breakthrough, 142. ambiguous, 143. anecdote, 144. incomprehensible, 145. claim, 146. ambiguity, 147. observable

148. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
149. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
150. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
151. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
152. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
153. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
154. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
155. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
156. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
157. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
158. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental

ANSWERS: 148. illustrate, 149. overcome, 150. blind, 151. importance, 152. defy, 153. suppose, 154. hint, 155. desire, 156. roughly, 157. urge, 158. essential

159. trading in bi___y options *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
160. de_____er message *v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
161. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
162. as___t a free society *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
163. in_____ne in a dispute *v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
164. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
165. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
166. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
167. neckless sup_____ly made of pure gold *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

ANSWERS: 159. binary, 160. decipher, 161. myth, 162. assert, 163. intervene, 164. myth, 165. frame, 166. intern, 167. supposedly

168. inc_____ble jargon *adj.* impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended
169. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
170. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
171. in_____ne between quarreling parties *v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
172. keen per_____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
173. ab_____h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
174. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
175. stand mixer fitted with the paddle att_____nt *n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something

ANSWERS: 168. incomprehensible, 169. puzzle, 170. puzzle, 171. intervene, 172. perception, 173. abolish, 174. urge, 175. attachment

176. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
177. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
178. the star-spangled ba____r *n.* a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page
179. in__r the possibility *v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
180. she hit him int_____lly *adv.* in a planned or intended way
181. open to int_____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
182. religious med_____on *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
183. 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
184. nu_____us countries *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
185. med_____on training *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

ANSWERS: 176. enlightenment, 177. confuse, 178. banner, 179. infer, 180. intentionally, 181. interpretation, 182. meditation, 183. struggle, 184. numerous, 185. meditation

186. a profound in_____t

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 186. insight

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His _____ attempt to fix the problem only made it worse.
adj. having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
2. The instructions provided were _____ and confused the team.
adj. open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
3. There was an _____ noise coming from the attic that frightened us all.
adj. not able to be explained or understood, lacking explanation or justification for something unknown or mysterious
4. They unfurled the _____ in preparation for the ceremony.
n. a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page
5. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
6. Our tech support responds to the first _____ exceptionally promptly.
n. the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
7. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
8. She entertained the guests with _____ about her travels and experiences.
n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

ANSWERS: 1. misguided, 2. ambiguous, 3. unexplained, 4. banners, 5. suppose, 6. inquiry, 7. physically, 8. anecdotes

9. The police had to _____ the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.
- v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
10. The government voted to _____ the outdated law.
- v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
11. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
- n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
12. She _____ declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.
- adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
13. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
- adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
14. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
15. Many businesses felt the _____ effect of the economy's decline.
- n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
16. His _____ of literary works are often unique.
- n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

ANSWERS: 9. restrain, 10. abolish, 11. myth, 12. politely, 13. roughly, 14. conflicts, 15. ripple, 16. interpretations

17. A _____ star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.
- n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
18. As the martial arts master began the demonstration, the sound of the _____ filled the dojo.
- n.* a metal disk that produces a deep, resonant sound when struck with a mallet or other object, often used in percussion music or as a signal in various contexts
19. The ascetic _____ spent his days in prayer and contemplation in the monastery.
- n.* a member of a religious community of men living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience
20. The _____ instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.
- n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
21. He had always been interested in sumo _____ and decided to try it.
- n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
22. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.
- v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
23. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
- n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 17. binary, 18. gong, 19. monk, 20. meditation, 21. wrestling, 22. urged, 23. spirit

24. it is _____ that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.
adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
25. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
26. The famous _____ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.
n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
27. The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a _____ feel.
adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
28. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
29. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
30. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.
n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 24. paradoxical, 25. essential, 26. proverb, 27. surreal, 28. insights, 29. shock, 30. perception

31. Any theorem relies on both _____ fact and assumption.

adj. that can be noticed or seen

32. His heartaches are less _____ now.

adj. happening constantly

33. The mathematical formula was _____ to most of the students.

adj. impossible to understand or explain; not able to be grasped or comprehended

34. The book contains numerous statements that _____ previous reports.

v. to deny the truth of a statement by stating the opposite; to be in conflict with

35. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

36. The detective found the clues _____ and couldn't solve the case immediately.

adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

37. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

38. The _____ lifestyle of the monks involved living in solitude and silence.

adj. relating to monk or monasticism; ascetic or austere in lifestyle or habits

ANSWERS: 31. observable, 32. frequent, 33. incomprehensible, 34. contradict, 35. interned, 36. puzzling, 37. spiritual, 38. monastic

39. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
40. His argument made no sense and was completely _____.
adj. not making sense or not based on sound reasoning
41. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
42. Ethics is a branch of _____.
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
43. The growth of the "sharing economy" is _____ for tech companies.
adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
44. 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
45. The ___ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.
n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
46. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have

ANSWERS: 39. puzzle, 40. illogical, 41. importance, 42. philosophy, 43. attractive, 44. investigated, 45. mud, 46. accord

47. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.
- n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
48. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
49. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
50. Her remarks _____ the debate.
- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
51. She would never _____ hurt anyone.
- adv.* in a planned or intended way
52. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
53. The _____ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.
- n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
54. The _____ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
- n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

ANSWERS: 47. wisdom, 48. refer, 49. debate, 50. confused, 51. intentionally, 52. movement, 53. ambiguity, 54. ridicule

55. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
56. 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
57. The complex instructions on the assignment sheet _____ most students.
v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
58. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
59. He is _____ nominated for a Nobel Prize.
adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
60. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language
61. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.
n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
62. Cats hate dogs and _____ versa.
n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

ANSWERS: 55. experiments, 56. mystery, 57. bewilder, 58. religion, 59. supposedly, 60. Translate, 61. enlightenment, 62. vice

63. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.

- v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

64. There was no _____ of a problem.

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

65. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

66. She _____ that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

- v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

67. His business _____ took him to the United States.

- n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

68. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.

- v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

69. Daily yoga helped her achieve a _____ state of mind and calmness.

- n.* a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements

ANSWERS: 63. examine, 64. hint, 65. claim, 66. asserted, 67. commitments, 68. illustrate, 69. zen

70. He _____ to the hope that he will find a job soon.

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

71. These descriptions are based on a number of _____ assumptions.

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

72. 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

73. 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

74. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

75. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

76. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

77. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 70. clings, 71. numerous, 72. identify, 73. resistant, 74. blind, 75. temple, 76. overcome, 77. insisted

78. 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;
79. I have no _____ to the countryside.
- n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something
80. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
- n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
81. 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
82. This company _____ its battery problem completely.
- v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
83. He spent hours trying to _____ the ancient text.
- v.* to read or understand something that is written in code or in a difficult or obscure way
84. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
- n.* the first existence or beginning of something
85. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.
- v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

ANSWERS: 78. paradox, 79. attachment, 80. addition, 81. struggle, 82. resolves, 83. decipher, 84. origin, 85. defy

86. A technique called deep learning has led to _____ in AI.
- n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
87. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
88. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
89. Following international law, our country does not _____ in the internal affairs of our neighbors.
- v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
90. The incident _____ a political controversy.
- v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
91. Animal desire and preference are always _____ from their behavior.
- v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
92. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
93. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
- n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 86. breakthroughs, 87. argue, 88. inspired, 89. intervene, 90. triggered, 91. inferred, 92. frame, 93. desire

ANSWERS: