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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### ritual

*n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

*synonym*: tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

### torture

*n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

*synonym*: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

### bunch

*n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

*synonym*: group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

### filter

*n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove

specific forms of light

*synonym* : strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

## neat

*adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place

*synonym* : tidy, uncluttered, refined

(1) a **neat** piece of work, (2) **neat** idea

She has **neat** habits.

## practical

*adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

*synonym* : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

## ergonomic

*adj.* relating to or designed for efficiency and comfort in the working environment

*synonym* : user-friendly, efficient, comfortable

(1) **ergonomic** design, (2) **ergonomic** keyboard

The **ergonomic** desk allows for better posture and comfort while working.

## sustainable

*adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time

*synonym* : continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

## nervous

*adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

*synonym* : neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

## silent

*adj.* without any or little sound

*synonym* : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

## substantial

*adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance

*synonym* : significant, notable, actual

(1) a **substantial** amount of capital, (2) have a **substantial** meal

The pandemic was a **substantial** business opportunity for certain companies.

## intrigue

*v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

*synonym* : attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

## intangible

*n.* not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp

*synonym* : abstract, immaterial

(1) **intangible** asset, (2) **intangible** property rights

The **intangible** qualities of love and kindness are immeasurable.

## tangible

*adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

*synonym* : palpable, real, actual

(1) **tangible** assets, (2) produce **tangible** results

A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes **tangible**.

## hem

*n.* the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of

fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish  
*synonym* : edge, border, margin

(1) the **hem** of a dress, (2) **hem** the skirt

The **hem** length of her dress was perfect for the evening event.

## gesture

*n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

*synonym* : motion, expression, gesticulation

(1) **gesture** of goodwill, (2) hand **gesture**

She made a facial **gesture** to express disagreement.

## launch

*v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

*synonym* : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

## relation

*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

*synonym* : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

## mysterious

*adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

*synonym* : enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

## quixotic

*adj.* exceedingly idealistic or unrealistic; marked by extravagantly chivalrous pursuits and romantic ideals; impractical or unworkable

*synonym* : idealistic, impractical, unrealistic

(1) **quixotic** adventure, (2) **quixotic** dream

The politician's **quixotic** campaign promise to end all poverty was met with skepticism.

## emotion

*n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

*synonym* : feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

## discovery

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

*synonym* : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

## posit

*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

*synonym* : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

## interchange

*n.* an exchange of one thing for another, often involving a replacement or substitution; a meeting or intersection of two or more roads or routes

*synonym* : exchange, swap, trade

(1) **interchange** station, (2) **interchange** of ideas

The highway had a dangerous **interchange** where accidents were common.

## **broad**

*adj.* very wide; general

*synonym* : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

## **psychology**

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

## **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.

## **obsess**

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

*synonym* : torment, beset, engross

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

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

## **pursue**

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

*synonym* : seek, hunt, chase

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

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

## **process**

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

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

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

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

## overlook

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

*synonym*: disregard, look down, supervise

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

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

## subway

*n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city

*synonym*: underground, metro, tube

(1) **subway** train, (2) rapid transit **subway**

He took the **subway** to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

## 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.

## blossom

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

*synonym*: flower, bloom, bud

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

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

## bubble

*n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

*synonym*: blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

## 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.

## googly

*adj.* (of eyes) unfocused or rolling, often comically or exaggeratedly; (noun, of cricket) a type of delivery bowled by a spin bowler, which is a deceptive delivery that spins in the opposite direction to what a batsman expects

*synonym* : unfocused, rolling, puzzling

(1) **googly** shape, (2) deliver a **googly**

The children had a great time sticking **googly** eyes onto their handcrafted puppets.

## cone

*n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end

(1) traffic **cone**, (2) ice cream **cone**

**Cone-shaped** cells in the eye's retina are responsible for color vision and visual acuity.

## sprinkler

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

*synonym* : sprayer, irrigation system

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

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

## gender

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

*synonym* :



### sexuality

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

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

### ethnicity

*n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

*synonym*: race, culture, heritage

(1) with respect to **ethnicity**, (2) based on their **ethnicity**

The company has a diverse workforce representing different **ethnicity** and backgrounds.

### multicolored

*adj.* having many colors

*synonym*: variegated, multihued, multicoloured

(1) **multicolored** lights, (2) **multicolored** dress

The **multicolored** parrot was a beautiful sight.

### arc

*n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line

*synonym*: turn, bow, angle

(1) the **arc** current, (2) an **arc** of a circumference

A ball flew in a big **arc**.

### rainbow

*n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain

*synonym*: spectrum, iridescence, prism

(1) marine **rainbow**, (2) **rainbow** after a storm

She was mesmerized by the **rainbow's** colors.

### streak

*n.* a long, narrow mark or band, typically one of a different color or texture from the surrounding surface; a brief period or run of success, luck, or behavior; a consistent pattern of behavior or a distinguishing characteristic of an individual

*synonym*: strip, band, dash

(1) **streak** of luck, (2) gold **streak**

He had a **streak** of stubbornness that made him difficult to

work with.

## firework

*n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited

*synonym*: pyrotechnic, sparkler, firecracker

(1) **firework** discharge, (2) grand **firework** display

The children were excited to see the **firework** show.

## celebrate

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

*synonym*: praise, glorify, honor

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

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

## universal

*adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

*synonym*: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

## indescribable

*adj.* not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language

*synonym*: uncommunicable, indefinable, unutterable

(1) **indescribable** horror, (2) **indescribable** experience

The beauty of the sunset was **indescribable**, leaving me in awe of its splendor.

## sharply

*adv.* suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner

*synonym*: dashingly, smartly, snappily

(1) **sharply** questioned, (2) drop **sharply**

The value of our house rose **sharply** last year.

## divide

*v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

*synonym*: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money

equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

## politically

*adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy  
This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

## polar

*adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

*synonym*: opposing, contrary, contrasting

(1) **polar** bears, (2) **polar** regions

**Polar** animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

## vast

*adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

*synonym*: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

## insurmountable

*adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

*synonym*: invincible, hopeless, overwhelming

(1) **insurmountable** odds, (2) **insurmountable** disadvantage

The challenge seemed **insurmountable**, but they overcame it with hard work and determination.

## underneath

*adv.* under or below something else

*synonym*: below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

## studio

*n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

*synonym*: workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**  
She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

## symmetrical

*adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

*synonym*: harmonious, balanced, proportional

(1) **symmetrical** triangle, (2) **symmetrical** pattern

This figure is **symmetrical** about the x-axis.

## abundance

*n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

*synonym*: plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

## multiplicity

*n.* a large number or variety of something; the quality or state of being multiple or manifold

*synonym*: abundance, variety, diversity

(1) functional **multiplicity**, (2) **multiplicity** of languages

The **multiplicity** of colors in the sunset was truly breathtaking.

## elevation

*n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward

*synonym*: height, altitude, rise

(1) at an **elevation** of 1000 feet, (2) **elevation** in rank

The **elevation** of the mountain made it difficult to breathe.

## elusive

*adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

*synonym*: mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

## attribute

*v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

*synonym* : ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

## aesthetic

*adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

*synonym* : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling

My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

## perceive

*v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

*synonym* : sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

## spot

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

*synonym* : dot, mark, place

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

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

## vintage

*adj.* denoting something from the past, especially from the recent past

*synonym* : old, classic, retro

(1) **vintage** wine, (2) a poor **vintage**

The **vintage** car collection was worth millions of dollars.

## plain

*adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

*synonym* : basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

## sight

*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

*synonym*: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

## acute

*adj.* extremely sharp or severe

*synonym*: sharp, perceptive, keen

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

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

## vulnerable

*adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

*synonym*: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

## nurse

*n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

*synonym*: healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**

The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

## homeless

*adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

*synonym*: destitute, displaced, transient

(1) **homeless** shelter, (2) a **homeless** cat

He became **homeless** after losing his job.

## shelter

*n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:

*synonym*: refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

## exuberant

*adj.* full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production

*synonym* : joyful, elated, ebullient

(1) **exuberant** performance, (2) **exuberant** personality

The young couple's **exuberant** energy was infectious, and everyone around them was smiling.

## judgment

*n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

*synonym* : conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment** , (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

## exhibit

*v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

*synonym* : display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent

Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

## genuine

*adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

*synonym* : actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

## dismiss

*v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

*synonym* : decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

## feminine

*adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women

*synonym* : womanly, womanlike, femalelike

(1) add a **feminine** touch, (2) the sacred **feminine**

The dress mixes sophisticated lines with an appealing floral design for a classically **feminine** style.

## indulgent

*adj.* given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish

*synonym* : lavish, self-indulgent, excessive

(1) an **indulgent** father, (2) **indulgent** lifestyle

The rich and **indulgent** dessert was worth every calorie.

## scour

*v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

*synonym* : cleanse, scrub, clean

(1) **scour** a pot, (2) **scour** the Internet

She had to **scour** the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.

## planet

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

*synonym* : earth, world, globe

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

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

## poet

*n.* a person who writes poetry

*synonym* : versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

## environment

*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

*synonym* : atmosphere, surroundings, climate



(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

## reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

*synonym*: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

## undulate

v. to move with a smooth wavelike motion; to have a wavy form or outline

*synonym*: roll, ripple, wave

(1) **undulate** waves, (2) **undulate** in the wind

The snake **undulated** its way through the underbrush, silently stalking its prey.

## bounce

v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

*synonym*: bound, leap, spring

(1) **bounce** across the floor, (2) **bounce** back from failure

They will **bounce** between various emotional states.

## transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

*synonym*: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

## nonprofit

*adj.* not established for commercial profit

*synonym*: charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

## administrator

*n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

*synonym* : manager, executive, supervisor

(1) school **administrator**, (2) network **administrator**

The university's **administrator** announced new policies regarding campus safety.

## attendance

*n.* the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering

*synonym* : presence, participation, appearance

(1) **attendance** sheet, (2) low **attendance**

**Attendance** at the meeting is mandatory for all employees.

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym* : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## graffiti

*n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

*synonym* : street art, tagging, vandalism

(1) **graffiti** art, (2) **graffiti** tag

The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the **graffiti** on the buildings downtown.

## disappear

*v.* to cease to exist or be visible

*synonym* : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

## align

*v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

*synonym* : coordinate, regulate, adjust

(1) **align** the economic interest of each other, (2) **align** with a historical trend

Both parties are now entirely ideologically **aligned**.

## conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

*synonym*: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

## alert

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

*synonym*: warn, inform, (adjective) vigilant

(1) **alert** consumers to the dangers, (2) **alert** system

The company's cybersecurity team **alerted** the CEO to potential threats.

## confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

*synonym*: certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

## drab

adj. dull, boring, or lacking in color or interest; lacking brightness or vibrancy; gloomy or cheerless

*synonym*: dull, dreary, drudging

(1) **drab** color, (2) **drab** outfit

The curtains were a **drab** shade of gray and didn't add color to the room.

## trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

*synonym*: seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

## evolution

*n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things  
*synonym*: elaboration, expansion, transition

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

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

## primal

*adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development;  
fundamental; primitive

*synonym*: original, fundamental, basic

(1) **primal** eras, (2) **primal** fear

The **primal** instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

## evolve

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

*synonym*: develop, mature, grow

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

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

## scarcity

*n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

*synonym*: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

## survival

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

*synonym*: endurance, continuity

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

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

## confetti

*n.* small pieces of colored paper or other material that are thrown around on festive occasions, especially in celebration or as part of the decoration

(1) **confetti** party, (2) **confetti-filled** balloons

We threw **confetti** at the wedding to celebrate the happy

couple.

## 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.

## multiply

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

*synonym*: boost, amplify, reproduce

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

**Multiply** a number by itself twice.

## substance

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

*synonym*: essence, core, material

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

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

## architect

*n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

*synonym*: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

## sphere

*n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

*synonym*: ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

## neuroscience

*n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

## MRI

*n.* (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body

(1) **MRI** brain image, (2) cardiac **MRI**

The **MRI** machine uses powerful magnets to produce detailed images of the inside of the body.

## angular

*adj.* measured by an angle or by the rate of change of an angle; having angles or an angular shape

*synonym*: jagged, angulate

(1) **angular** mountain ridge, (2) **angular** momentum

Any rotating body has **angular** momentum about its center of mass.

## amygdala

*n.* one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell

(1) the decline in **amygdala** activity, (2) **amygdala** damage

The **amygdala** has been associated with memories of past emotional events.

## brain

*n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

*synonym*: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

## associate

*v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

*synonym* : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

## anxiety

*n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

*synonym* : concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge  
She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

## speculate

*v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

*synonym* : assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

## unconscious

*adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness

*synonym* : comatose, paralyzed, senseless

(1) **unconscious** bias, (2) a person who is **unconscious**  
I know his **unconscious** habit that he touches his face when he lies.

## caution

*n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

*synonym* : carefulness, warning, notice

(1) extreme **caution**, (2) act with **caution**

He gave a stern **caution** to the naughty student.

## curve

*n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

*synonym* : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

## sandy

*adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown

*synonym*: arenaceous, sandlike

(1) miles of **sandy** beaches, (2) **sandy** hair

The rain rapidly soaked into the **sandy** soil.

## hook

*n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

*synonym*: buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

## elementary

*adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects

*synonym*: fundamental, basic, primary

(1) **elementary** math, (2) **elementary** level

**Elementary** school students must learn basic math and reading skills.

## mass

*n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

*synonym*: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

## squiggle

*n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a



series of small curves or loops

*synonym* : squiggle, doodle, scribble

(1) **squiggle** line, (2) wavy **squiggle**

My signature always has a little **squiggle** at the end.

## canopy

*n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

*synonym* : cover, top, shade

(1) **canopy** layer, (2) under a **canopy** of smoke

The forest's **canopy** provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

## chase

*v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

*synonym* : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

## embrace

*v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

*synonym* : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

## impulse

*n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

*synonym* : stimulation, provocation, urge

(1) a combative **impulse**, (2) profound religious **impulses**

Nerve **impulses** cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

## surround

*v.* to be all around something or somebody

*synonym*: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace  
On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

## superfluous

*adj.* unnecessary; more than what is needed or required

*synonym*: extra, unnecessary, redundant

(1) **superfluous** information, (2) **superfluous** words

The recipe called for a **superfluous** amount of salt and made the dish too salty.

## fundamental

*adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

*synonym*: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

## instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym*: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. re____on of inclusion           | <i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another  |
| 2. ob___s over her weight          | <i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else   |
| 3. the curved shape of a h__k      | <i>n.</i> a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook               |
| 4. road sp_____er                  | <i>n.</i> a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting   |
| 5. la___h a spaceship into orbit   | <i>v.</i> to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time |
| 6. pu___e freedoms                 | <i>v.</i> to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them                                 |
| 7. fun_____al education            | <i>adj.</i> forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected   |
| 8. al__n with a historical trend   | <i>v.</i> to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line   |
| 9. as_____te alcohol with gambling | <i>v.</i> to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else  |

ANSWERS: 1. relation, 2. obsess, 3. hook, 4. sprinkler, 5. launch, 6. pursue, 7. fundamental, 8. align, 9. associate

10. po\_\_r bears *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
11. int\_\_\_\_\_le property rights *n.* not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp
12. have a sub\_\_\_\_\_al meal *adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
13. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
14. produce ta\_\_\_\_\_le results *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
15. an\_\_\_\_\_r momentum *adj.* measured by an angle or by the rate of change of an angle; having angles or an angular shape
16. principles of un\_\_\_\_\_al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
17. ho\_\_\_\_\_ss shelter *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
18. save the pl\_\_\_\_t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
19. a to\_\_\_\_\_e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
20. feel co\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

ANSWERS: 10. polar, 11. intangible, 12. substantial, 13. environment, 14. tangible, 15. angular, 16. universal, 17. homeless, 18. planet, 19. torture, 20. confident

21. de\_\_\_\_\_ve work *n.* a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them
22. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
23. become pol\_\_\_\_\_ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
24. drop sh\_\_\_\_\_y *adv.* suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner
25. a co\_\_\_\_\_nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
26. al\_\_t consumers to the dangers *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
27. bo\_\_\_e across the floor *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
28. int\_\_\_\_\_ge station *n.* an exchange of one thing for another, often involving a replacement or substitution; a meeting or intersection of two or more roads or routes
29. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
30. v\_\_t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
31. gr\_\_\_\_\_ti art *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

ANSWERS: 21. detective, 22. overlook, 23. politically, 24. sharply, 25. confident, 26. alert, 27. bounce, 28. interchange, 29. improvisation, 30. vast, 31. graffiti

32. la\_\_\_h a big attack      *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
33. sc\_\_\_\_\_ty of capital      *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
34. gain pr\_\_\_\_\_al experience      *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
35. ev\_\_\_e      *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
36. dull si\_\_t      *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
37. po\_\_t the premise      *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
38. mul\_\_\_\_\_ity of languages      *n.* a large number or variety of something; the quality or state of being multiple or manifold
39. delta pl\_\_n      *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
40. tr\_\_e a telephone call      *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
41. principles of sus\_\_\_\_\_le development      *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
42. yield cu\_\_e      *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

ANSWERS: 32. launch, 33. scarcity, 34. practical, 35. evolve, 36. sight, 37. posit, 38. multiplicity, 39. plain, 40. trace, 41. sustainable, 42. curve

43. pl\_\_t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
44. a n\_\_t piece of work *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
45. qu\_\_\_\_ic adventure *adj.* exceedingly idealistic or unrealistic; marked by extravagantly chivalrous pursuits and romantic ideals; impractical or unworkable
46. in\_\_\_\_e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
47. add a fe\_\_\_\_ne touch *adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
48. as\_\_\_\_te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
49. a m\_\_s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
50. de\_\_\_\_ve movie *n.* a person whose job it is to find out information about crimes and find out who did them
51. the great di\_\_\_\_ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
52. mys\_\_\_\_us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

ANSWERS: 43. planet, 44. neat, 45. quixotic, 46. intense, 47. feminine, 48. associate, 49. mass, 50. detective, 51. discovery, 52. mysterious

53. a p\_\_t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
54. st\_\_\_k of luck *n.* a long, narrow mark or band, typically one of a different color or texture from the surrounding surface; a brief period or run of success, luck, or behavior; a consistent pattern of behavior or a distinguishing characteristic of an individual
55. sup\_\_\_\_\_us information *adj.* unnecessary; more than what is needed or required
56. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
57. an el\_\_\_\_\_e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
58. aggressive in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
59. ice cream c\_\_e *n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
60. ac\_\_e triangle *adj.* extremely sharp or severe
61. apple bl\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
62. un\_\_\_\_\_te waves *v.* to move with a smooth wavelike motion; to have a wavy form or outline

ANSWERS: 53. poet, 54. streak, 55. superfluous, 56. psychology, 57. elusive, 58. instinct, 59. cone, 60. acute, 61. blossom, 62. undulate



63. unc\_\_\_\_\_us bias *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
64. a poor vi\_\_\_\_\_e *adj.* denoting something from the past, especially from the recent past
65. permanent br\_\_n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
66. traffic c\_\_e *n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
67. a ho\_\_\_\_\_ss cat *adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
68. deliver a go\_\_\_\_y *adj.* (of eyes) unfocused or rolling, often comically or exaggeratedly; (noun, of cricket) a type of delivery bowled by a spin bowler, which is a deceptive delivery that spins in the opposite direction to what a batsman expects
69. an\_\_\_\_\_y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
70. ind\_\_\_\_\_ble horror *adj.* not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language
71. in\_\_\_\_\_ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

ANSWERS: 63. unconscious, 64. vintage, 65. brain, 66. cone, 67. homeless, 68. googly, 69. anxiety, 70. indescribable, 71. intrigue

72. int\_\_\_\_\_ge of ideas *n.* an exchange of one thing for another, often involving a replacement or substitution; a meeting or intersection of two or more roads or routes
73. ce\_\_\_\_\_te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
74. pol\_\_\_\_\_ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
75. h\_m the skirt *n.* the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish
76. am\_\_\_\_\_la damage *n.* one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell
77. based on their et\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
78. di\_\_\_e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
79. at an el\_\_\_\_\_on of 1000 feet *n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward
80. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

ANSWERS: 72. interchange, 73. celebrate, 74. politically, 75. hem, 76. amygdala, 77. ethnicity, 78. divide, 79. elevation, 80. overlook

81. qu\_\_\_\_ic dream *adj.* exceedingly idealistic or unrealistic; marked by extravagantly chivalrous pursuits and romantic ideals; impractical or unworkable
82. critical m\_\_s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
83. a ri\_\_\_l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
84. development of the ne\_\_\_\_s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
85. basic br\_\_n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
86. ele\_\_\_\_ry level *adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects
87. ge\_\_\_r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
88. di\_\_\_\_ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible

ANSWERS: 81. quixotic, 82. mass, 83. ritual, 84. nervous, 85. brain, 86. elementary, 87. gender, 88. disappear

89. no\_\_\_\_\_it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
90. pr\_\_\_\_\_s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
91. mu\_\_\_\_\_ly about hundredfold *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
92. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
93. ge\_\_\_\_\_e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
94. sq\_\_\_\_\_le line *n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
95. mu\_\_\_\_\_ly 5 and 6 *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
96. su\_\_\_\_\_ce abuse problem *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

ANSWERS: 89. nonprofit, 90. process, 91. multiply, 92. environment, 93. gesture, 94. squiggle, 95. multiply, 96. substance

97. a warm em\_\_\_\_\_e      *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
98. an\_\_\_\_\_r mountain ridge      *adj.* measured by an angle or by the rate of change of an angle; having angles or an angular shape
99. si\_\_\_\_\_ar goal      *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
100. at\_\_\_\_\_te directly to sales      *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
101. with respect to et\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
102. grand fi\_\_\_\_\_rk display      *n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
103. co\_\_\_\_\_t a background check      *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
104. co\_\_\_\_\_t research      *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
105. su\_\_\_\_y train      *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
106. co\_\_\_\_\_ti party      *n.* small pieces of colored paper or other material that are thrown around on festive occasions, especially in celebration or as part of the decoration
107. ar\_\_\_\_\_ct of the peace accord      *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

ANSWERS: 97. embrace, 98. angular, 99. singular, 100. attribute, 101. ethnicity, 102. firework, 103. conduct, 104. conduct, 105. subway, 106. confetti, 107. architect

108. sp\_\_\_\_\_te on the outcome      *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
109. er\_\_\_\_\_ic keyboard      *adj.* relating to or designed for efficiency and comfort in the working environment
110. under a ca\_\_\_y of smoke      *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
111. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage      *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
112. att\_\_\_\_\_ce sheet      *n.* the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering
113. an age of ab\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
114. su\_\_\_\_\_nd a town      *v.* to be all around something or somebody
115. a hat h\_\_k      *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
116. sp\_\_\_\_\_er irrigation      *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
117. an instrument of to\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 108. speculate, 109. ergonomic, 110. canopy, 111. improvisation, 112. attendance, 113. abundance, 114. surround, 115. hook, 116. sprinkler, 117. torture

118. an ab\_\_\_\_\_ce of examples      *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
119. a court p\_\_t      *n.* a person who writes poetry
120. si\_\_\_t reading      *adj.* without any or little sound
121. pr\_\_\_\_\_al English      *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
122. fun\_\_\_\_\_al rights      *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
123. track down an el\_\_\_\_\_e fact      *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
124. ex\_\_\_\_\_nt personality      *adj.* full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production
125. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy experiment      *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
126. in\_\_\_\_\_ue him      *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
127. ins\_\_\_\_\_ble disadvantage      *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
128. wild goose ch\_\_e      *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 118. abundance, 119. poet, 120. silent, 121. practical, 122. fundamental, 123. elusive, 124. exuberant, 125. psychology, 126. intrigue, 127. insurmountable, 128. chase

129. ex\_\_\_\_\_t a great talent      *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
130. a combative im\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
131. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm heat into power      *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
132. er\_\_\_\_\_ic design      *adj.* relating to or designed for efficiency and comfort in the working environment
133. bo\_\_\_e back from failure      *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
134. dual ge\_\_\_r      *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
135. sus\_\_\_\_\_le alternative fuel      *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
136. the decline in am\_\_\_\_\_la activity      *n.* one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell
137. pr\_\_\_l eras      *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
138. music st\_\_\_o      *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

ANSWERS: 129. exhibit, 130. impulse, 131. transform, 132. ergonomic, 133. bounce, 134. gender, 135. sustainable, 136. amygdala, 137. primal, 138. studio



139. di\_\_\_\_\_ar without a trace      *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
140. ca\_\_\_y layer      *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
141. develop in\_\_\_\_\_e itching      *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
142. extreme ca\_\_\_\_\_n      *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
143. vi\_\_\_\_\_e wine      *adj.* denoting something from the past, especially from the recent past
144. nu\_\_\_e practitioner      *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
145. mys\_\_\_\_\_us stranger      *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
146. su\_\_\_\_\_al ability      *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
147. gas fi\_\_\_\_r      *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
148. pu\_\_\_e a goal      *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 139. disappear, 140. canopy, 141. intense, 142. caution, 143. vintage, 144. nurse, 145. mysterious, 146. survival, 147. filter, 148. pursue

149. a person who is unc\_\_\_\_\_us      *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
150. an unexpected si\_\_t      *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
151. und\_\_\_\_\_th the surface of the water      *adv.* under or below something else
152. get ne\_\_\_\_\_s      *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
153. morning ri\_\_\_\_l      *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
154. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm an education system      *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
155. po\_\_t the existence of life after death      *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
156. sup\_\_\_\_\_us words      *adj.* unnecessary; more than what is needed or required
157. ele\_\_\_\_\_ry math      *adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects
158. ins\_\_\_\_\_ble odds      *adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
159. a stone wall su\_\_\_\_\_nds the palace      *v.* to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 149. unconscious, 150. sight, 151. underneath, 152. nervous, 153. ritual, 154. transform, 155. posit, 156. superfluous, 157. elementary, 158. insurmountable, 159. surround

160. n\_\_t idea *adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place
161. an a\_c of a circumference *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
162. el\_\_\_\_\_on in rank *n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward
163. gold st\_\_\_k *n.* a long, narrow mark or band, typically one of a different color or texture from the surrounding surface; a brief period or run of success, luck, or behavior; a consistent pattern of behavior or a distinguishing characteristic of an individual
164. the h\_m of a dress *n.* the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish
165. act with ca\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
166. fi\_\_\_\_\_rk discharge *n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited
167. control my em\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
168. a bu\_\_h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 160. neat, 161. arc, 162. elevation, 163. streak, 164. hem, 165. caution, 166. firework, 167. emotion, 168. bunch

169. re\_\_\_\_\_on between cause and effect    *n.*    the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
170. a volunteer nu\_\_\_e    *n.*    a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
171. sa\_\_\_y hair    *adj.*    covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
172. a sub\_\_\_\_\_al amount of capital    *adj.*    fairly large in size, value, or importance
173. low att\_\_\_\_\_ce    *n.*    the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering
174. ev\_\_\_\_\_on theory    *n.*    a gradual process of transformation of living things
175. di\_\_\_\_\_s a person from the office    *v.*    to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
176. economic bu\_\_\_e    *n.*    a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
177. sp\_\_\_e of influence    *n.*    a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
178. marine ra\_\_\_\_\_w    *n.*    an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain

ANSWERS: 169. relation, 170. nurse, 171. sandy, 172. substantial, 173. attendance, 174. evolution, 175. dismiss, 176. bubble, 177. sphere, 178. rainbow

179. a photo st\_\_\_o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
180. po\_\_r regions *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
181. sym\_\_\_\_\_al triangle *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
182. sym\_\_\_\_\_al pattern *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
183. in\_\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
184. sc\_\_r the Internet *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
185. ta\_\_\_\_\_le assets *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
186. ex\_\_\_\_\_t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
187. bu\_\_\_e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 179. studio, 180. polar, 181. symmetrical, 182. symmetrical, 183. instinct, 184. scour, 185. tangible, 186. exhibit, 187. bubble

188. the a\_c current *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
189. a vul\_\_\_\_\_le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
190. d\_\_b color *adj.* dull, boring, or lacking in color or interest; lacking brightness or vibrancy; gloomy or cheerless
191. rainproof sh\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
192. mul\_\_\_\_\_red lights *adj.* having many colors
193. pe\_\_\_\_\_ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
194. a no\_\_\_\_\_it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
195. int\_\_\_\_\_le asset *n.* not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp
196. em\_\_\_\_\_e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
197. ce\_\_\_\_\_te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
198. und\_\_\_\_\_th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
199. the sacred fe\_\_\_\_\_ne *adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
200. ex\_\_\_\_\_nt performance *adj.* full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production

ANSWERS: 188. arc, 189. vulnerable, 190. drab, 191. shelter, 192. multicolored, 193. perceive, 194. nonprofit, 195. intangible, 196. embrace, 197. celebrate, 198. underneath, 199. feminine, 200. exuberant

201. in\_\_\_\_\_nt lifestyle *adj.* given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish
202. ind\_\_\_\_\_ble experience *adj.* not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language
203. a s\_\_t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
204. ev\_\_\_e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
205. sp\_\_\_\_\_te about the reason *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
206. school adm\_\_\_\_\_tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
207. show ge\_\_\_\_\_e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
208. a bu\_\_h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
209. he is ob\_\_\_sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
210. al\_\_t system *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

ANSWERS: 201. indulgent, 202. indescribable, 203. spot, 204. evolve, 205. speculate, 206. administrator, 207. genuine, 208. bunch, 209. obsess, 210. alert

211. re\_\_\_\_e the order      *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
212. pl\_\_n answer      *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
213. beauty s\_\_t      *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
214. an emotional ju\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
215. go\_\_\_y shape      *adj.* (of eyes) unfocused or rolling, often comically or exaggeratedly; (noun, of cricket) a type of delivery bowled by a spin bowler, which is a deceptive delivery that spins in the opposite direction to what a batsman expects
216. sh\_\_\_\_y questioned      *adv.* suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner
217. the branch of neu\_\_\_\_\_nce      *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
218. vul\_\_\_\_\_le parts of the body      *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
219. pr\_\_\_l fear      *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
220. al\_\_n the economic interest of each other      *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

ANSWERS: 211. reverse, 212. plain, 213. spot, 214. judgment, 215. googly, 216. sharply, 217. neuroscience, 218. vulnerable, 219. primal, 220. align



221. mul_____red dress	<i>adj.</i> having many colors
222. a scientific di_____ry	<i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
223. re_____e the trend	<i>v.</i> to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
224. human ev_____on	<i>n.</i> a gradual process of transformation of living things
225. deliver a ju_____nt	<i>n.</i> the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
226. si_____ar purpose	<i>n.</i> being only one of its kind; unique
227. di_____e the cake into two pieces	<i>v.</i> to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
228. fuel sc_____ty	<i>n.</i> the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
229. di_____s a matter with a laugh	<i>v.</i> to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
230. v__t majority	<i>adj.</i> enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
231. business sp_____e	<i>n.</i> a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
232. anti-air raid sh_____r	<i>n.</i> a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:

ANSWERS: 221. multicolored, 222. discovery, 223. reverse, 224. evolution, 225. judgment, 226. singular, 227. divide, 228. scarcity, 229. dismiss, 230. vast, 231. sphere, 232. shelter

233. ch\_\_e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
234. diagnosis of an\_\_\_\_y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
235. hand ge\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
236. un\_\_\_\_\_te in the wind *v.* to move with a smooth wavelike motion; to have a wavy form or outline
237. M\_l brain image *n.* (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body
238. rapid transit su\_\_\_\_y *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
239. network adm\_\_\_\_\_tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
240. 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

ANSWERS: 233. chase, 234. anxiety, 235. gesture, 236. undulate, 237. MRI, 238. subway, 239. administrator, 240. balloon

241. attract br\_\_d attention *adj.* very wide; general
242. cardiac M\_l *n.* (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body
243. give si\_\_\_t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
244. d\_\_b outfit *adj.* dull, boring, or lacking in color or interest; lacking brightness or vibrancy; gloomy or cheerless
245. ac\_\_e pain *adj.* extremely sharp or severe
246. ae\_\_\_\_\_ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
247. profound religious im\_\_\_\_\_es *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
248. tr\_\_e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
249. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
250. sc\_\_r a pot *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

ANSWERS: 241. broad, 242. MRI, 243. silent, 244. drab, 245. acute, 246. aesthetic, 247. impulse, 248. trace, 249. process, 250. scour

251. learning cu\_\_e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
252. a theoretical concept in neu\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
253. a ge\_\_\_\_\_e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
254. un\_\_\_\_\_al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
255. functional mul\_\_\_\_\_ity *n.* a large number or variety of something; the quality or state of being multiple or manifold
256. bl\_\_\_\_\_m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
257. at\_\_\_\_\_te the change to their marriage *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
258. miles of sa\_\_y beaches *adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
259. su\_\_\_\_\_al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 251. curve, 252. neuroscience, 253. genuine, 254. universal, 255. multiplicity, 256. blossom, 257. attribute, 258. sandy, 259. survival

260. pe\_\_\_\_ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
261. clogged fi\_\_\_\_r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
262. wavy sq\_\_\_\_le *n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
263. 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
264. an in\_\_\_\_nt father *adj.* given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish
265. afraid to show em\_\_\_\_n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
266. ra\_\_\_\_w after a storm *n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
267. an explosive su\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
268. gr\_\_\_\_ti tag *n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

ANSWERS: 260. perceive, 261. filter, 262. squiggle, 263. balloon, 264. indulgent, 265. emotion, 266. rainbow, 267. substance, 268. graffiti

269. co\_\_\_\_ti-filled balloons *n.* small pieces of colored paper or other material that are thrown around on festive occasions, especially in celebration or as part of the decoration
270. ae\_\_\_\_\_ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
271. landscape ar\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
272. a br\_\_d mind *adj.* very wide; general

ANSWERS: 269. confetti, 270. aesthetic, 271. architect, 272. broad

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The woods \_\_\_\_\_ the house.  
*v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
2. The challenge seemed \_\_\_\_\_ but they overcame it with hard work and determination.  
*adj.* impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
3. The highway had a dangerous \_\_\_\_\_ where accidents were common.  
*n.* an exchange of one thing for another, often involving a replacement or substitution; a meeting or intersection of two or more roads or routes
4. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a \_\_\_\_\_ that could burst soon.  
*n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
5. \_\_\_\_\_ a number by itself twice.  
*v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
6. I know his \_\_\_\_\_ habit that he touches his face when he lies.  
*adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountain made it difficult to breathe.  
*n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward

ANSWERS: 1. embrace, 2. insurmountable, 3. interchange, 4. bubble, 5. Multiply, 6. unconscious, 7. elevation

8. Infants and pregnant women are particularly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
9. The snake \_\_\_\_\_ its way through the underbrush, silently stalking its prey.  
*v.* to move with a smooth wavelike motion; to have a wavy form or outline
10. Is this painting \_\_\_\_\_ or forged?  
*adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
11. She intends to \_\_\_\_\_ a political career.  
*v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
12. This figure is \_\_\_\_\_ about the x-axis.  
*adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
13. Cultural norms strongly influence \_\_\_\_\_ expectations.  
*n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
14. \_\_\_\_\_ school students must learn basic math and reading skills.  
*adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects
15. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.  
*v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

ANSWERS: 8. vulnerable, 9. undulated, 10. genuine, 11. pursue, 12. symmetrical, 13. gender, 14. Elementary, 15. scour



16. The politician's \_\_\_\_\_ campaign promise to end all poverty was met with skepticism.

*adj.* exceedingly idealistic or unrealistic; marked by extravagantly chivalrous pursuits and romantic ideals; impractical or unworkable

17. They study the \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe.

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

18. The children had a great time sticking \_\_\_\_\_ eyes onto their handcrafted puppets.

*adj.* (of eyes) unfocused or rolling, often comically or exaggeratedly; (noun, of cricket) a type of delivery bowled by a spin bowler, which is a deceptive delivery that spins in the opposite direction to what a batsman expects

19. The police officer \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

*v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

20. She made a facial \_\_\_\_\_ to express disagreement.

*n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

21. He became \_\_\_\_\_ after losing his job.

*adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

22. We should \_\_\_\_\_ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

ANSWERS: 16. quixotic, 17. evolution, 18. googly, 19. chased, 20. gesture, 21. homeless, 22. posit

23. The \_\_\_\_\_ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

*adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

24. My father's death \_\_\_\_\_ my life completely.

*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

25. The rain rapidly soaked into the \_\_\_\_\_ soil.

*adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown

26. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the argument was well-presented.

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

27. The night shift \_\_\_\_\_ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

*n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

28. They will \_\_\_\_\_ between various emotional states.

*v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

29. The woman of the house does the holy \_\_\_\_\_ of lighting two candles.

*n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

30. Our law firm also focuses on \_\_\_\_\_ activities.

*adj.* not established for commercial profit

ANSWERS: 23. mysterious, 24. transformed, 25. sandy, 26. substance, 27. nurse, 28. bounce, 29. ritual, 30. nonprofit

31. The recipe called for a \_\_\_\_\_ amount of salt and made the dish too salty.  
*adj.* unnecessary; more than what is needed or required
32. The \_\_\_\_\_ of colors in the sunset was truly breathtaking.  
*n.* a large number or variety of something; the quality or state of being multiple or manifold
33. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
34. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ system kept the lawn green and healthy.  
*n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
36. A \_\_\_\_\_ audience viewed the broadcast.  
*adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
37. Australia is widely \_\_\_\_\_ as having low levels of corruption.  
*v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
38. A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

ANSWERS: 31. superfluous, 32. multiplicity, 33. environment, 34. brain, 35. sprinkler, 36. vast, 37. perceived, 38. tangible

39. The industrial \_\_\_\_\_ laws were passed with little to no alteration.  
*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
40. Some \_\_\_\_\_ are common across cultures and backgrounds.  
*n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
41. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.  
*n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
42. The forest's \_\_\_\_\_ provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.  
*n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
43. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.  
*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.  
*n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
45. Eyeless fish \_\_\_\_\_ in dark caves.  
*v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
46. The \_\_\_\_\_ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.  
*n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 39. relations, 40. emotions, 41. curve, 42. canopy, 43. instinct, 44. sphere, 45. evolved, 46. mass

47. Other technology industries \_\_\_\_\_ similarly explosive growth.

- v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

48. He accumulated wealth across a \_\_\_\_\_ spectrum of assets.

- adj.* very wide; general

49. The \_\_\_\_\_ has been associated with memories of past emotional events.

- n.* one of two parts of the almond-shaped neural structure that are linked to emotions, especially fear and pleasure, memory, and the sense of smell

50. The \_\_\_\_\_ parrot was a beautiful sight.

- adj.* having many colors

51. The \_\_\_\_\_ instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

- adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

52. The building \_\_\_\_\_ tried to build the house above the tree.

- n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

53. The committee has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the president from the post.

- v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

54. Human behavior has \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics.

- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 47. exhibit, 48. broad, 49. amygdala, 50. multicolored, 51. primal, 52. architect, 53. dismiss, 54. fundamental

55. On three sides, mountains \_\_\_\_\_ the settlement.
- v.* to be all around something or somebody
56. The majority of consumers \_\_\_\_\_ this brand with quality.
- v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
57. The artist's innovative style of work \_\_\_\_\_ me.
- v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
58. The company's cybersecurity team \_\_\_\_\_ the CEO to potential threats.
- v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
59. Nerve \_\_\_\_\_ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.
- n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
60. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ of stubbornness that made him difficult to work with.
- n.* a long, narrow mark or band, typically one of a different color or texture from the surrounding surface; a brief period or run of success, luck, or behavior; a consistent pattern of behavior or a distinguishing characteristic of an individual
61. The \_\_\_ machine uses powerful magnets to produce detailed images of the inside of the body.
- n.* (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body
62. The use of \_\_\_\_\_ is strictly prohibited under international law.
- n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 55. surround, 56. associate, 57. intrigues, 58. alerted, 59. impulses, 60. streak, 61. MRI, 62. torture

63. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
64. We threw \_\_\_\_\_ at the wedding to celebrate the happy couple.
- n.* small pieces of colored paper or other material that are thrown around on festive occasions, especially in celebration or as part of the decoration
65. They need food and \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
66. She was mesmerized by the \_\_\_\_\_ colors.
- n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
67. My signature always has a little \_\_\_\_\_ at the end.
- n.* a curly or wavy line or mark, especially one that is irregular or difficult to follow; (verb) to draw or write something in a wavy or irregular manner, often with a series of small curves or loops
68. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ the origins of some familiar foreign words.
- v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
69. This newspaper is supposed to be \_\_\_\_\_ neutral.
- adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
70. \_\_\_\_\_ animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.
- adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

ANSWERS: 63. process, 64. confetti, 65. shelter, 66. rainbow's, 67. squiggle, 68. trace, 69. politically, 70. Polar

71. He's utterly \_\_\_\_\_ with his promotion.

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

72. That statement by the prime minister drew \_\_\_\_\_ international criticism.

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

73. The \_\_\_\_\_ beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

*n.* being only one of its kind; unique

74. A healthy farm provides an \_\_\_\_\_ of food.

*n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

75. The picture earned near-\_\_\_\_\_ acclaim from critics.

*adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

76. A ball flew in a big \_\_\_\_.

*n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line

77. \_\_\_\_\_ at the meeting is mandatory for all employees.

*n.* the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering

78. Both parties are now entirely ideologically \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

79. My \_\_\_\_\_ standards are quite different from hers.

*adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

ANSWERS: 71. obsessed, 72. intense, 73. singular, 74. abundance, 75. universal, 76. arc, 77. Attendance, 78. aligned, 79. aesthetic



80. The curtains were a \_\_\_\_\_ shade of gray and didn't add color to the room.

*adj.* dull, boring, or lacking in color or interest; lacking brightness or vibrancy; gloomy or cheerless

81. Mercury is the closest \_\_\_\_\_ to the sun.

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

82. Many famous \_\_\_\_\_ are within walking distance.

*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

83. \_\_\_\_\_ cells in the eye's retina are responsible for color vision and visual acuity.

*n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end

84. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

85. The young couple's \_\_\_\_\_ energy was infectious, and everyone around them was smiling.

*adj.* full of energy, enthusiasm, or excitement; lively, animated, or unrestrained in behavior or expression; characterized by abundant growth or profuse production

86. The company is set to \_\_\_\_\_ its new product line next month.

*v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 80. drab, 81. planet, 82. sights, 83. Cone-shaped, 84. plain, 85. exuberant, 86. launch

87. Her concept is highly \_\_\_\_\_ and helpful.

*adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

88. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.

*adj.* without any or little sound

89. The university's \_\_\_\_\_ announced new policies regarding campus safety.

*n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

90. The \_\_\_\_\_ qualities of love and kindness are immeasurable.

*n.* not having physical form or substance; difficult to touch or grasp

91. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

92. The physicist who found the \_\_\_\_\_ particle won the Nobel Prize.

*adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

93. Her \_\_\_\_\_ are consistently rational and sensible.

*n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

94. The restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ a ban on smoking.

*v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

ANSWERS: 87. practical, 88. silent, 89. administrator, 90. intangible, 91. improvisation, 92. elusive, 93. judgments, 94. reversed

95. The children were excited to see the \_\_\_\_\_ show.

*n.* a device that produces a colorful display of light and sound when it is ignited

96. The patient died from \_\_\_\_\_ alcohol intoxication.

*adj.* extremely sharp or severe

97. He \_\_\_\_\_ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

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

98. She waited for her daughter with \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

99. He evaluated his chances for \_\_\_\_\_ rather pessimistically.

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

100. He \_\_\_\_\_ that this investment would lead to success.

*v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

101. This remote \_\_\_\_\_ is rarely visited.

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

102. He \_\_\_\_\_ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

*v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

ANSWERS: 95. firework, 96. acute, 97. celebrated, 98. anxiety, 99. survival, 100. speculated, 101. spot, 102. attributes

103. The \_\_\_\_\_ diligently pursued his cases.

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

104. He took the \_\_\_\_\_ to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

*n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city

105. He gave a stern \_\_\_\_\_ to the naughty student.

*n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

106. She is a talented \_\_\_\_\_ who has been recognized for her work.

*n.* a person who writes poetry

107. The company has a diverse workforce representing different \_\_\_\_\_ and backgrounds.

*n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

108. The city spent a lot of money cleaning up the \_\_\_\_\_ on the buildings downtown.

*n.* writing or drawings scribbled, scratched, or sprayed illicitly on a wall or other surface in a public place

109. 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

110. The beauty of the sunset was \_\_\_\_\_ leaving me in awe of its splendor.

*adj.* not able to be described, named, or classified in words or language; too extreme or intense to be fully conveyed through language

ANSWERS: 103. detective, 104. subway, 105. caution, 106. poet, 107. ethnicity, 108. graffiti, 109. balloon, 110. indescribable,

111. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
112. She had a master's degree in \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
113. Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
114. I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ in our victory.
- adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
115. He suffers from \_\_\_\_\_ breakdowns.
- adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
116. Ozone is a primary \_\_\_\_\_ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.
- n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
117. The \_\_\_\_\_ car collection was worth millions of dollars.
- adj.* denoting something from the past, especially from the recent past
118. The cherry \_\_\_\_\_ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.
- n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 111. neuroscience, 112. psychology, 113. scarcity, 114. confident, 115. nervous, 116. filter, 117. vintage, 118. blossom

119. She works at a recording \_\_\_\_\_ in Los Angeles.

*n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

120. They watched the train \_\_\_\_\_ into the distance.

*v.* to cease to exist or be visible

121. Please hang your towel on a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

122. The dress mixes sophisticated lines with an appealing floral design for a classically \_\_\_\_\_ style.

*adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women

123. The pandemic was a \_\_\_\_\_ business opportunity for certain companies.

*adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance

124. Police will \_\_\_\_\_ random breath testing for drunk driving.

*v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

125. Any rotating body has \_\_\_\_\_ momentum about its center of mass.

*adj.* measured by an angle or by the rate of change of an angle; having angles or an angular shape

126. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity for great success.

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

ANSWERS: 119. studio, 120. disappear, 121. hook, 122. feminine, 123. substantial, 124. conduct, 125. angular, 126. overlook

127. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.

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

128. The government should do more to support environmentally \_\_\_\_\_ agriculture.

*adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time

129. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

130. The value of our house rose \_\_\_\_\_ last year.

*adv.* suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner

131. The penny fell \_\_\_\_\_ the piano.

*adv.* under or below something else

132. The \_\_\_\_\_ desk allows for better posture and comfort while working.

*adj.* relating to or designed for efficiency and comfort in the working environment

133. The rich and \_\_\_\_\_ dessert was worth every calorie.

*adj.* given to yielding to the desires or whims of oneself or others, especially by being generous or lavish

134. The \_\_\_\_ length of her dress was perfect for the evening event.

*n.* the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish

ANSWERS: 127. discovery, 128. sustainable, 129. bunch, 130. sharply, 131. underneath, 132. ergonomic, 133. indulgent, 134. hem

135. She has \_\_\_\_\_ habits.

*adj.* clean or tidy, with everything in its place

136. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ 123321 by eleven?

*v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

ANSWERS: 135. neat, 136. divide