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Session 1: Word List

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym : choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat
The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

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.

sincere

adj. (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful

synonym: earnest, fervent, candid

(1) a **sincere** man, (2) express **sincere** regret

Please accept my **sincere** condolences on your friend's death.

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?

experimental

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

synonym: empirical, exploratory, observed

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

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

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

lab

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

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

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

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

experiment

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

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym : anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread
People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

magician

n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

synonym : illusionist, conjurer, wizard

(1) **magician's** hat, (2) street **magician**

The children were delighted with the **magician's** clever tricks.

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym : delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest
He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

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

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

brainstorming

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of

generating innovative ideas.

session

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

synonym: conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

synonym: control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

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

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

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

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.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

pet

n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**

I have a parrot as a **pet**.

beck

n. a gesture or signal made with the hand or head, especially one indicating someone to approach or follow; a small stream or brook, especially in Northern England or Scotland

synonym: nod, signal, gesture

(1) **beck** and call, (2) throw a **beck**

The king summoned his subjects with a wave and a **beck** of his hand.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

attractive

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

synonym : beautiful, fetching, alluring

(1) **attractive** men, (2) **attractive** opportunity

The growth of the "sharing economy" is **attractive** for tech companies.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym : blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

contour

n. the outline of its shape or form; a line drawn on a map connecting points of equal height

synonym : outline, silhouette, shape

(1) the **contour** of the earth's surface, (2) **contour** lines

The **contour** of the Atlantic coast of America is very complicated.

smirk

v. to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner

synonym: grin, sneer, simper

(1) **smirk** confidently, (2) **smirk** after playing a prank

He couldn't help but **smirk** when he heard her absurd excuse.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym: interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

inclination

n. a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping

synonym: tendency, preference, angle

(1) consumer's **inclination** to spend, (2) the **inclination** of a slope

She had an **inclination** towards the arts.

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.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

detect

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

synonym: catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders

The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

refuse

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

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

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

robust

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction;
strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual
challenges or adversity

synonym: healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his
theory.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover
essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real
motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our
mistake.

verbal

adj. expressed in spoken rather than written words

synonym: speaking, lingual, oral

(1) **verbal** communication, (2) **verbal** abuse

The candidate must have excellent **verbal** skills.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that
shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are
related to each other

synonym: chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

certainty

n. the state of being certain

synonym: inevitability, confidence, assurance

(1) scientific **certainty**, (2) reach **certainty** about the theory

Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into **certainty**.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

radiant

adj. emitting light or heat; shining brightly

synonym: shining, glowing, brilliant

(1) **radiant** smile, (2) **radiant** light
She looked **radiant** on her wedding day.

ad-hoc

adj. created or done for a particular purpose or situation, without any prior planning or forethought; made on a temporary or as-needed basis

synonym: improvised, impromptu, makeshift

(1) **ad-hoc** meeting, (2) **ad-hoc** decision

We need an **ad-hoc** committee to address this urgent issue.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

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

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

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise
The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

blind

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

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

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

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

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

moral

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

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

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

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

coalition

n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

synonym : union, confederation, alliance

(1) a three-party **coalition**, (2) **coalition** forces

The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a **coalition** in the next elections.

voter

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

synonym : elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

movement

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

synonym: motion, progression, action

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

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

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

poll

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

synonym: survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

compass

n. a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability

synonym: guideline, borderline, ambit

(1) read a **compass**, (2) sailing without a **compass**

The results were beyond our **compass** of imagination.

consist

v. to be composed or made up of

synonym: lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

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?

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

gasoline

n. a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.

synonym: gas, petrol, fuel

(1) lead-free **gasoline**, (2) small **gasoline** engine

Luxury cars often require high-octane **gasoline** as fuel.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym: break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

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.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

template

n. a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch

synonym: pattern, model, blueprint

(1) **template** file, (2) **template** design

The **template** format provided a useful guide for creating the budget.

tally

n. a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers

synonym: count, record, score

(1) keep a **tally**, (2) **tally** sheet

Let's keep a **tally** of the votes to see who won the election.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym: skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

notepad

n. (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes

synonym: notebook, memo pad, scratch pad

(1) digital **notepad**, (2) small **notepad**

I always keep a **notepad** and pen in my bag to jot down ideas throughout the day.

questionnaire

n. a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies

synonym: survey, poll, form

(1) fill out a **questionnaire**, (2) distribute a **questionnaire**

The company sent out a lengthy **questionnaire** to gather feedback from its customers.

glue

n. a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

synonym: adhesive, paste, gum

(1) **glue** stick, (2) epoxy **glue**

The carpenter applied **glue** to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

motivate

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
synonym: boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**

The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

large-scale

adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

synonym: big, massive, grand

(1) **large-scale** project, (2) **large-scale** agriculture

The company is planning to make a **large-scale** expansion of its factory.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

surveillance

n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

synonym: administration, overseeing, control

(1) he is kept under **surveillance**, (2) **surveillance** cameras

The novel contains a criticism of the **surveillance** society.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

permissive

adj. allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable

synonym : indulgent, lenient, liberal

(1) assume a **permissive** attitude, (2) **permissive** society

The school has a **permissive** dress code and allows students to wear whatever they want.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym : amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

gang

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

synonym : crew, posse, group

(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member

The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym : crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily
He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true
synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control
She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving
synonym: unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape
Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose
synonym: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

debrief

v. to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance

synonym: brief, summarize, rehash

(1) **debrief** their business trip, (2) **debrief** the result

After the mission, the team gathered to **debrief** and discuss their success and areas for improvement.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

interpretation

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

synonym: rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**

His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

beware

v. to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger

synonym: heed, caution, alert

(1) **beware** of scams, (2) **beware** of strangers

Please **beware** of the slippery floor after it rains, or you could fall.

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.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**
The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**
She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep
Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym: adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym: do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

consistent

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

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

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

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

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym: remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

mushy

adj. soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet

synonym: sappy, sentimental

(1) **mushy** romance, (2) **mushy** peas

The cake was **mushy** because I accidentally added too much milk to the batter.

Session 2: Spelling

1. lar_____le agriculture *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
2. de___t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
3. the morning se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
4. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
5. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
6. fill out a que_____ire *n.* a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies
7. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
8. per_____ve society *adj.* allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable

ANSWERS: 1. large-scale, 2. detect, 3. session, 4. smartphone, 5. graph, 6. questionnaire, 7. institute, 8. permissive

9. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
10. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
11. a ro___t appetite *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
12. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
13. optical il_____on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
14. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
15. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
16. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
17. sur_____nce cameras *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
18. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
19. ve___l abuse *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words

ANSWERS: 9. consistent, 10. split, 11. robust, 12. engage, 13. illusion, 14. misunderstand, 15. blind, 16. fantastic, 17. surveillance, 18. rid, 19. verbal

20. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
21. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
22. the ex__t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
23. g__g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
24. an____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
25. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
26. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
27. de_____f their business trip *v.* to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance
28. ta__y sheet *n.* a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
29. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
30. ra_____t light *adj.* emitting light or heat; shining brightly
31. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

ANSWERS: 20. graph, 21. trump, 22. extent, 23. gang, 24. analyze, 25. consistent, 26. normally, 27. debrief, 28. tally, 29. immediately, 30. radiant, 31. experiment

32. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
33. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
34. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
35. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
36. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
37. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
38. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
39. a p_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
40. continuously sh_____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
41. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
42. street ma_____an *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

ANSWERS: 32. decide, 33. motivate, 34. decision, 35. dominate, 36. lab, 37. government, 38. moral, 39. pet, 40. shifting, 41. lean, 42. magician

43. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
44. l__n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
45. scientific ce_____ty *n.* the state of being certain
46. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
47. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
48. att_____ve men *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
49. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
50. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
51. small no_____d *n.* (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes
52. distribute a que_____ire *n.* a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies

ANSWERS: 43. divide, 44. lean, 45. certainty, 46. smartphone, 47. span, 48. attractive, 49. landscape, 50. traffic, 51. notepad, 52. questionnaire

53. g__e stick *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
54. sp____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
55. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
56. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
57. co____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
58. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
59. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
60. mu__y peas *adj.* soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet
61. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
62. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
63. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 53. glue, 54. specific, 55. react, 56. experiment, 57. conclude, 58. journalist, 59. discuss, 60. mushy, 61. refuse, 62. opposition, 63. remarkable

64. at____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
65. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
66. sh____ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
67. a fl____le wire *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
68. di____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
69. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
70. the inc____on of a slope *n.* a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping
71. com____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
72. mo____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
73. lead-free ga____ne *n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
74. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

ANSWERS: 64. attitude, 65. norm, 66. shifting, 67. flexible, 68. disappear, 69. mad, 70. inclination, 71. complexity, 72. movement, 73. gasoline, 74. span

75. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
76. a three-party co_____on *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
77. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
78. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
79. the co_____r of the earth's surface *n.* the outline of its shape or form; a line drawn on a map connecting points of equal height
80. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
81. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
82. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
83. do_____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
84. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 75. participate, 76. coalition, 77. survey, 78. photograph, 79. contour, 80. conversation, 81. construct, 82. regardless, 83. dominate, 84. involve

85. co____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
86. express si____e regret *adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
87. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
88. the int_____ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
89. ad____c meeting *adj.* created or done for a particular purpose or situation, without any prior planning or forethought; made on a temporary or as-needed basis
90. the court se____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
91. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
92. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
93. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
94. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

ANSWERS: 85. conclude, 86. sincere, 87. intention, 88. interpretation, 89. ad-hoc, 90. session, 91. separate, 92. decision, 93. journalist, 94. trump

95. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
96. exp_____tal design *adj.* relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
97. show ge_____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
98. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
99. digital no_____d *n.* (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes
100. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
101. 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
102. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
103. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
104. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 95. reject, 96. experimental, 97. genuine, 98. magic, 99. notepad, 100. opportune, 101. gender, 102. analyze, 103. voter, 104. discuss

105. do a bra_____ing about a new product
n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
106. ve___l communication
adj. expressed in spoken rather than written words
107. epoxy g__e
n. a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
108. an eligible vo__r
n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
109. sailing without a co_____s
n. a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability
110. cognitive com_____ty
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
111. a bac_____nd color
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
112. keep a ta__y
n. a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
113. take an un_____in attitude
adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose
114. att_____ve opportunity
adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

ANSWERS: 105. brainstorming, 106. verbal, 107. glue, 108. voter, 109. compass, 110. complexity, 111. background, 112. tally, 113. uncertain, 114. attractive

115. ex___d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
116. sigh of re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
117. n___m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
118. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
119. exp_____tal data *adj.* relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
120. sm___k after playing a prank *v.* to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner
121. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
122. bl___d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
123. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
124. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
125. co_____t only in knowing facts *v.* to be composed or made up of
126. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 115. extend, 116. relief, 117. norm, 118. disturb, 119. experimental, 120. smirk, 121. disturb, 122. blind, 123. afterward, 124. attitude, 125. consist, 126. decide

127. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
128. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
129. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
130. pr____r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
131. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
132. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
133. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
134. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
135. ex____d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
136. st____e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
137. ra_____t smile *adj.* emitting light or heat; shining brightly
138. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

ANSWERS: 127. regardless, 128. landscape, 129. innocent, 130. prefer, 131. consume, 132. survey, 133. intention, 134. opportune, 135. extend, 136. strike, 137. radiant, 138. mad

139. 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
140. numerous un_____in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
141. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
142. co_____r lines *n.* the outline of its shape or form; a line drawn on a map connecting points of equal height
143. co_____t mainly of cells *v.* to be composed or made up of
144. be___e of scams *v.* to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger
145. consumer's inc_____on to spend *n.* a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping
146. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
147. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
148. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
149. all ability to mo_____te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
150. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 139. spot, 140. uncertain, 141. relation, 142. contour, 143. consist, 144. beware, 145. inclination, 146. afterward, 147. elect, 148. possibility, 149. motivate, 150. specific

151. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
152. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
153. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
154. open to int_____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
155. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
156. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
157. pr____r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
158. read a co_____s *n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability
159. di_____e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
160. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
161. lar_____le project *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

ANSWERS: 151. politician, 152. involve, 153. psychology, 154. interpretation, 155. argument, 156. separate, 157. prefer, 158. compass, 159. divide, 160. psychology, 161. large-scale

162. bra_____ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
163. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
164. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
165. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
166. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
167. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
168. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
169. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
170. sm__k confidently *v.* to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner
171. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
172. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

ANSWERS: 162. brainstorming, 163. react, 164. background, 165. outcome, 166. normally, 167. politician, 168. remarkable, 169. fantastic, 170. smirk, 171. outcome, 172. innocent

173. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
174. de___t smuggling across borders *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
175. ro___t growth *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
176. te____te design *n.* a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch
177. co____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
178. tax re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
179. co____on forces *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
180. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
181. research in____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 173. engage, 174. detect, 175. robust, 176. template, 177. consume, 178. relief, 179. coalition, 180. moral, 181. institute

182. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
183. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
184. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
185. b__k and call *n.* a gesture or signal made with the hand or head, especially one indicating someone to approach or follow; a small stream or brook, especially in Northern England or Scotland
186. small ga_____ne engine *n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
187. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
188. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
189. 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
190. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

ANSWERS: 182. manipulate, 183. movement, 184. possibility, 185. beck, 186. gasoline, 187. conversation, 188. reject, 189. gender, 190. rid

191. sp__t a bill
v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
192. a blazing ar____nt
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
193. throw a b__k
n. a gesture or signal made with the hand or head, especially one indicating someone to approach or follow; a small stream or brook, especially in Northern England or Scotland
194. man____te figures
v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
195. ma____an's hat
n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
196. em____al distress
adj. relating to people's feelings
197. a ge____e article
adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
198. a si____e man
adj. (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
199. be___e of strangers
v. to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger
200. te____te file
n. a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch

ANSWERS: 191. split, 192. argument, 193. beck, 194. manipulate, 195. magician, 196. emotional, 197. genuine, 198. sincere, 199. beware, 200. template

201. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
202. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
203. the il_____on of being in the forest *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
204. ad____c decision *adj.* created or done for a particular purpose or situation, without any prior planning or forethought; made on a temporary or as-needed basis
205. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
206. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
207. he is kept under sur_____nce *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
208. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
209. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
210. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
211. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

ANSWERS: 201. participate, 202. traffic, 203. illusion, 204. ad-hoc, 205. poll, 206. government, 207. surveillance, 208. environment, 209. emotional, 210. opposition, 211. alternative

212. a motorcycle g__g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
213. certain ex__t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
214. mu__y romance *adj.* soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet
215. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
216. there is no other alt____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
217. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
218. env____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
219. assume a per____ve attitude *adj.* allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable
220. fl____le schedules *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
221. mis____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
222. pho____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 212. gang, 213. extent, 214. mushy, 215. pet, 216. alternative, 217. magic, 218. environment, 219. permissive, 220. flexible, 221. misunderstand, 222. photograph

223. 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
224. de_____f the result *v.* to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance
225. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
226. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
227. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
228. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
229. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
230. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
231. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
232. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
233. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

ANSWERS: 223. spot, 224. debrief, 225. immediately, 226. relation, 227. refuse, 228. poll, 229. lab, 230. disappear, 231. strike, 232. elect, 233. construct

234. reach ce_____ty about the theory *n.* the state of being certain

ANSWERS: 234. certainty

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
2. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
3. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
adv. now or without delay
4. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
5. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
6. 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
7. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.
v. to broaden in scope, range, or area
8. The cake was _____ because I accidentally added too much milk to the batter.
adj. soft and pulpy in texture or consistency, often describing food; emotionally sentimental or overly romantic in a way that can be seen as insincere or sickly sweet

ANSWERS: 1. remarkable, 2. Lean, 3. immediately, 4. dominates, 5. lab, 6. environment, 7. extend, 8. mushy

9. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
10. My husband was found _____ of any crime.
adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
11. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
12. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
13. The security camera has _____ four intruders.
v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
14. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
15. The children were delighted with the _____ clever tricks.
n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
16. The school has a _____ dress code and allows students to wear whatever they want.
adj. allowing or characterized by a tolerance for behavior that is unorthodox or unacceptable

ANSWERS: 9. trump, 10. innocent, 11. prefer, 12. argument, 13. detected, 14. blind, 15. magician's, 16. permissive

17. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

18. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

19. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

20. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

21. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

22. She looked _____ on her wedding day.

adj. emitting light or heat; shining brightly

23. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 17. extent, 18. motivate, 19. background, 20. regardless, 21. involves, 22. radiant, 23. elected

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

adv. after the time mentioned

25. She had a master's degree in _____.

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

26. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

27. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

28. 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

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

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

30. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

31. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

ANSWERS: 24. afterward, 25. psychology, 26. specific, 27. relief, 28. spot, 29. possibility, 30. decision, 31. uncertain

32. My initial reaction was to _____.

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

33. Please accept my _____ condolences on your friend's death.

adj. (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful

34. You are not _____ in your behavior.

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

35. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

36. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

37. Let's keep a _____ of the votes to see who won the election.

n. a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers

38. He was ____ with joy to see the results.

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

39. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 32. refuse, 33. sincere, 34. consistent, 35. landscape, 36. constructs, 37. tally, 38. mad, 39. conversation

40. Is this painting _____ or forged?

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

41. I have a parrot as a _____.

n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

42. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

43. I always keep a _____ and pen in my bag to jot down ideas throughout the day.

n. (also scratchpad) a small pad of paper or a digital device used for taking notes

44. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

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

45. The _____ of the Atlantic coast of America is very complicated.

n. the outline of its shape or form; a line drawn on a map connecting points of equal height

46. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

47. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 40. genuine, 41. pet, 42. manipulate, 43. notepad, 44. movement, 45. contour, 46. rejected, 47. survey

48. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
49. The novel contains a criticism of the _____ society.
n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
50. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
51. Many companies employ _____ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.
n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
52. This examination _____ of five problems to solve.
v. to be composed or made up of
53. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.
n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
54. 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
55. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

ANSWERS: 48. complexity, 49. surveillance, 50. traffic, 51. brainstorming, 52. consists, 53. voter, 54. gender, 55. split

56. Luxury cars often require high-octane _____ as fuel.

- n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.

57. The results were beyond our _____ of imagination.

- n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability

58. The king summoned his subjects with a wave and a _____ of his hand.

- n.* a gesture or signal made with the hand or head, especially one indicating someone to approach or follow; a small stream or brook, especially in Northern England or Scotland

59. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

60. His _____ of literary works are often unique.

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

61. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.

- n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

62. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

63. We must _____ ourselves of pollution.

- v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

ANSWERS: 56. gasoline, 57. compass, 58. beck, 59. norms, 60. interpretations, 61. polls, 62. photograph, 63. rid

64. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

adv. usually; under normal conditions

65. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

66. The product is still in the _____ stage.

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

67. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

68. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

69. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

70. The street _____ was known for its violent behavior.

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

71. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 64. normally, 65. span, 66. experimental, 67. graph, 68. politician, 69. disappear, 70. gang, 71. separate

72. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
73. Parliament is now in _____.
n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
74. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
75. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
n. something you want to do and are going to do
76. You can be more _____ and creative in your approach.
adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
77. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.
adj. constantly changing or moving
78. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
79. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 72. emotional, 73. session, 74. engaged, 75. intentions, 76. flexible, 77. shifting, 78. consume, 79. discuss

80. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
81. We _____ a cease-fire.
- v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
82. The carpenter applied _____ to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.
- n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
83. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.
- adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
84. The company sent out a lengthy _____ to gather feedback from its customers.
- n.* a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies
85. After the mission, the team gathered to _____ and discuss their success and areas for improvement.
- v.* to question, investigate, or discuss with someone after an event or task to share information and evaluate the performance
86. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 80. institutes, 81. concluded, 82. glue, 83. robust, 84. questionnaire, 85. debrief, 86. government

87. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
88. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
89. The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a _____ in the next elections.
n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
90. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
91. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
92. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
93. The company is planning to make a _____ expansion of its factory.
adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
94. The growth of the "sharing economy" is _____ for tech companies.
adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

ANSWERS: 87. participated, 88. fantastic, 89. coalition, 90. disturb, 91. magic, 92. experiments, 93. large-scale, 94. attractive

95. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.
n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
96. She had the _____ that work was fun.
n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
97. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
98. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
99. How did he _____ to your idea?
v. to take action in response to something
100. The _____ format provided a useful guide for creating the budget.
n. a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch
101. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
102. She had an _____ towards the arts.
n. a tendency or disposition to think, feel, or act in a certain way; a preference or bias; a degree of sloping
103. Please _____ of the slippery floor after it rains, or you could fall.
v. to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger

ANSWERS: 95. illusion, 96. attitude, 97. misunderstand, 98. journalists, 99. react, 100. template, 101. outcome, 102. inclination, 103. beware

104. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

105. 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

106. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

107. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

108. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

109. He couldn't help but _____ when he heard her absurd excuse.

v. to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner

110. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

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

111. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

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

112. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 104. opposition, 105. relations, 106. analyze, 107. smartphones, 108. strike, 109. smirk, 110. divide, 111. moral, 112. opportune

113. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

114. Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into _____.

n. the state of being certain

115. The candidate must have excellent _____ skills.

adj. expressed in spoken rather than written words

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

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

117. We need an _____ committee to address this urgent issue.

adj. created or done for a particular purpose or situation, without any prior planning or forethought; made on a temporary or as-needed basis

ANSWERS: 113. alternative, 114. certainty, 115. verbal, 116. decide, 117. ad-hoc