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Session 1: Word List

evolutionary

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

synonym: developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process

Evolutionary algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

tango

n. a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music

(1) passionate **tango**, (2) sensual **tango**

We took a **tango** lesson to prepare for our upcoming dance competition.

genital

adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

synonym: reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

vagina

n. the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus

synonym : genitalia, vulva, pudenda

(1) **vagina** cancer care, (2) infection of the **vagina**

The muscle around the **vagina** is elastic enough to allow the passage of a fetus.

outward

adj. relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible

synonym : external, surface, exterior

(1) an **outward** journey, (2) **outward** cheerfulness

The **outward** appearance of the building was impressive, but the inside was in dire need of repairs.

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.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym : strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

intricate

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

synonym : complicated, convoluted, complex

(1) **intricate** details, (2) **intricate** lacework

The politician managed to deal with that **intricate** issue.

cork

n. a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper

synonym : stopper, bung, plug

(1) **cork** a bottle, (2) **cork** flooring

She used a **cork** board to display her favorite photographs.

screw

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

synonym: tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**

He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

contraption

n. a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual

synonym: device, gadget, machinery

(1) farming **contraption**, (2) complicated **contraption**

The inventor created a **contraption** that could turn salt water into drinking water.

reproduce

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

synonym: duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself

By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym: also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

unbelievable

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

synonym: unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

insect

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

(1) **insect** antenna, (2) **insect** biology

These **insects** are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

reptile

n. a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles

synonym: lizard, serpent, snake

(1) **reptile** exhibition, (2) fossil **reptile**

Alligators are a type of **reptile** that live in swamps and rivers.

spider

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

synonym: arachnid, wanderer

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

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

snail

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

synonym: escargot, slug, whelk

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

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

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

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.

variable

adj. likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

synonym : erratic, inconsistent, irregular

(1) a **variable** species, (2) a dependent **variable**

Rainfall in the tropics is highly **variable**.

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.

procreation

n. the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction

synonym : progeny, offspring, breeding

(1) **procreation** instinct, (2) natural **procreation**

The use of contraception can significantly impact the rate of **procreation** within a population.

superficially

adv. in a manner that is concerned only with surface appearances or lacks depth or thoroughness; on the surface but not in-depth or detail

synonym : externally, on the surface

(1) **superficially** charming, (2) **superficially** knowledgeable

He **superficially** criticized the painting without truly understanding its deeper meaning.

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.

reproduction

n. the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work

synonym : procreation, replication, duplication

(1) **reproduction** rate, (2) **reproduction** system
The **reproduction** of the plant depends on the pollinators.

offspring

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant
synonym: children, descendants, heirs

(1) female **offspring**, (2) produce **offspring**
How many **offspring** does the average lion have?

improve

v. to make or become better
synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score
We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
synonym: prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past
Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

decorative

adj. serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing
synonym: ornamental, beautifying, embellishing

(1) **decorative** art, (2) **decorative** design
The **decorative** tiles on the wall added a colorful and unique touch to the room.

nether

adj. located beneath or below; lower in position; situated below the surface of the Earth; referring to the lower parts of the body
synonym: inferior, lower, underground

(1) **nether** lip, (2) **nether** garment
The **nether** regions of the building were dark and musty.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the

input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym: purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

deposit

n. a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

synonym: bank, installment, sedimentation

(1) **deposit** money, (2) **deposit** accumulation

I made a **deposit** at the bank to add money to my account.

sperm

n. the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal

synonym: seed, semen, seminal fluid

(1) man with a low **sperm** count, (2) production of **sperm**

The male **sperm** fertilizes the female egg.

pipette

n. a slender tube or tube-like instrument used for measuring small quantities of liquid, often with a bulb at one end that can be squeezed to draw liquid inside

synonym: dropper, tube

(1) **pipette** tip, (2) multi-channel **pipette**

After handling a toxic substance, she disposed of the contaminated **pipette** in the designated hazardous waste bin.

funnel

n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

synonym: filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device

We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

gizmo

n. a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe

synonym : gadget, device, contraption

(1) handy **gizmo**, (2) high-tech **gizmo**

You can find all kinds of interesting **gizmos** in this store.

flea

n. a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds

synonym : pulex, siphonaptera, biter

(1) local **flea** market, (2) **flea** infestation

The **flea-borne** disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

beetle

n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva

In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a sacred creature.

resemble

v. to look like or be similar to someone or something

synonym : look like, be similar to

(1) **resemble** each other, (2) **resemble** her mother

The brothers **resemble** each other in the hobby.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym : empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

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.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

scrape

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

synonym: scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground

He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

reverb

n. an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space

synonym: echo, sound reflection

(1) **reverb** effect, (2) **reverb** chamber

The singer's voice had a natural **reverb** that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.

serenade

n. a musical composition or performance, typically expressing love or affection, played or sung outdoors under the window of a loved one; a romantic gesture or

tribute expressed through music

(1) **serenade** by the lake, (2) romantic **serenade**

He sang a **serenade** under her window to express his love for her.

phallus

n. a symbol or representation of the penis, typically depicted as an erect organ and often used to represent male sexuality, virility, or power

synonym: penis, member

(1) artificial **phallus**, (2) **phallus** sculpture

The archeologist discovered a rare artifact depicting a **phallus** symbol in the ruins of an ancient temple.

drumstick

n. a thin stick used to strike a drum to produce a sound

synonym: beater, mallet, stick

(1) **drumstick** grip, (2) **drumstick** case

The drummer used **drumsticks** to play the drumset.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym: scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

slap

v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

synonym: smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

hoof

n. the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle

synonym: foot, paw

(1) **hoof** mark, (2) clean **hoof**

The horse's **hoof** was injured and needed to be treated by a veterinarian.

ram

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

synonym: crash, collide, slam

(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice

The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

bull

n. a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

synonym: bovine, cattle, bruiser

(1) **bull** market, (2) **bull** fighter

The farmer raised a **bull** on his ranch for breeding purposes.

whip

v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

synonym: thrash, flog, scourge

(1) **whip** egg whites, (2) **whip** into shape

The jockey **whipped** the horse hard to take first place.

extension

n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

synonym: addition, augment, supplement

(1) time **extension**, (2) telephone **extension**

They are building an **extension** to the house to add more bedrooms.

adaptation

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

synonym: adaption, adjustment, transformation

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

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

insemination

n. the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy

synonym: fertilization, insemination, impregnation

(1) artificial **insemination**, (2) bovine **insemination**

The couple opted for donor **insemination** after struggling with infertility.

conception

n. a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle

synonym: notion, abstraction, cogitation

(1) a grand **conception**, (2) the **conception** of the good

I have no **conception** of what you intend.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym: use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

distinction

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

synonym: eminence, noteworthiness, excellence

(1) important **distinction**, (2) draw a **distinction**

I can't see any **distinction** between these two concepts.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

dung

n. solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

synonym: excrement, droppings, manure

(1) ball of **dung**, (2) **dung** the land

You can see the horse **dung** on the country road.

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.

appealing

adj. attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

synonym: attractive, alluring, captivating

(1) **appealing** design, (2) an **appealing** offer

The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very **appealing** to readers

conflict

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

synonym: clash, discord, competition

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

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

fertilize

v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

synonym : pollinate, inseminate, enrich

(1) **fertilize** the soil, (2) **fertilize** the female egg

The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to **fertilize** a wife.

genetic

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

synonym : hereditary, genetical, inborn

(1) have **genetic** testing, (2) a **genetic** disorder

Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the **genetic** code.

variability

n. the fact or quality of something being likely to vary

synonym : variance, unevenness, inconstancy

(1) natural **variability**, (2) climate **variability**

There is considerable **variability** in all the test scores.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym : revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym : possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

widow

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

synonym : bereaved

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

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

disposable

adj. designed to be used once and then thrown away
synonym : throwaway, single-use, expendable

(1) total **disposable** income, (2) **disposable** camera

I prefer using **disposable** razors because they are more convenient.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

rival

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

synonym : adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

bug

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

synonym : insect, bacterium, microbe

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

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

bypass

n. an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed;
(verb) to go past or round

(1) gastric **bypass** operation, (2) **bypass** circuit

This patient must undergo **bypass** surgery.

syringe

n. a device used for injecting or withdrawing fluids from the body, consisting of a tube and a plunger that creates a vacuum or expels the fluid

synonym: needle, injector, shot

(1) **syringe** needle, (2) **syringe** injection

Addicts often share dirty **syringes**, putting themselves at risk for disease.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

belly

n. the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

synonym: stomach, abdomen, gut

(1) the **belly** of the ship, (2) with an empty **belly**

She had a tattoo just above her **belly** button.

outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

synonym: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

countermeasure

n. an action taken to counter or offset another action

synonym: response, remedy, antidote

(1) **countermeasure** strategy, (2) **countermeasure** plan

The government implemented several **countermeasures** to combat the spread of the virus.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

flank

n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

synonym : side, edge, rim

(1) **flank** pain, (2) attack the left **flank**

The **flank** of the mountain was difficult to climb.

pierce

v. to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

synonym : jab, penetrate, stab

(1) **pierce** the armored shells, (2) **pierce** a mystery

The extreme cold **pierced** our bones.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

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.

unwanted

adj. not wanted or desired

synonym : undesired, unneeded

(1) **unwanted** attention, (2) **unwanted** guests

He threw away the **unwanted** items in his closet.

clockwise

adv. in a circular direction that follows the course of a clock's hands or in a direction that is considered to be forward or positive

synonym : rightward, deasil

(1) rotate **clockwise**, (2) move **clockwise**

We need to turn the knob **clockwise** to lock the door.

spiral

n. a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

synonym : coil, helix, twist

(1) **spiral** staircase, (2) **spiral** design

The leaves of the fern were arranged in a **spiral** pattern.

inflate

v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

synonym : blow up, expand, puff up

(1) **inflate** a tire, (2) **inflate** expense reports

She **inflated** the balloons for the party.

counterclockwise

adv. in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow

synonym : anticlockwise, reversely

(1) move **counterclockwise**, (2) swirl **counterclockwise**

The carousel rotates **counterclockwise** at a slow pace.

coil

v. to wind something in a spiral or helical shape; to create a coil or coil-like shape; to group or organize something closely together in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym : twist, wind, loop

(1) **coil** wire, (2) **coil** an arm

She carefully **coiled** the rope so that it wouldn't tangle.

disapprove

v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

synonym: object, reject, condemn

(1) **disapprove** of the government, (2) publicly **disapprove**
I **disapprove** of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.

flex

v. to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily

synonym: bend, stretch, extend

(1) **flex** a finger, (2) **flex** diplomatic muscle

The gymnast was able to **flex** his muscles to perform the difficult routine.

flub

v. to botch or make a mistake, especially in public or in a professional setting, often through a lack of preparation or inattention to detail

synonym: blunder, mistake, slip-up

(1) **flub** the high note, (2) **flub** the dub

I **flubbed** my lines during the school play, causing the audience to chuckle.

differ

v. to be not like someone or something in some way

synonym: vary, diverge, disagree

(1) **differ** from the majority, (2) **differ** according to species

The two products **differed** in their quality and price.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. clean h__f | <i>n.</i> the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle |
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| 4. fe_____ze the soil | <i>v.</i> to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well |
| 5. f__x diplomatic muscle | <i>v.</i> to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily |
| 6. re_____le her mother | <i>v.</i> to look like or be similar to someone or something |
| 7. app_____ly simple | <i>adv.</i> based on what you have heard or read |
| 8. r_b shoulders | <i>v.</i> to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure |
| 9. telephone ex_____on | <i>n.</i> a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line |

ANSWERS: 1. hoof, 2. evolutionary, 3. complexity, 4. fertilize, 5. flex, 6. resemble, 7. apparently, 8. rub, 9. extension

10. the con_____on of the good *n.* a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle
11. produce of_____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
12. separatory fu____l *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
13. total dis_____le income *adj.* designed to be used once and then thrown away
14. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
15. s__p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
16. re_____e exhibition *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
17. artificial ph_____s *n.* a symbol or representation of the penis, typically depicted as an erect organ and often used to represent male sexuality, virility, or power
18. number of b_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
19. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

ANSWERS: 10. conception, 11. offspring, 12. funnel, 13. disposable, 14. similarly, 15. slap, 16. reptile, 17. phallus, 18. bug, 19. exploit

20. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
21. gastric by___s operation *n.* an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed; (verb) to go past or round
22. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
23. in_____e a tire *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
24. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
25. re_____ce the painting *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
26. re_____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
27. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 20. tip, 21. bypass, 22. attempt, 23. inflate, 24. immediate, 25. reproduce, 26. reproduce, 27. function

28. di___r according to species *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
29. in___t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
30. language ada_____on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
31. d__g the land *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
32. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
33. w__p egg whites *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
34. ap_____ng design *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
35. by___s circuit *n.* an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed; (verb) to go past or round
36. move cou_____ise *adv.* in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow
37. cou_____ure strategy *n.* an action taken to counter or offset another action

ANSWERS: 28. differ, 29. insect, 30. adaptation, 31. dung, 32. immediate, 33. whip, 34. appealing, 35. bypass, 36. counterclockwise, 37. countermeasure

38. f__x a finger *v.* to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily
39. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
40. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
41. pro_____on instinct *n.* the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction
42. a va_____le species *adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed
43. cou_____ure plan *n.* an action taken to counter or offset another action
44. a fu_____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
45. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
46. climate var_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of something being likely to vary
47. ada_____on ability *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
48. si_____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
49. ri__l bidder *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

ANSWERS: 38. flex, 39. tip, 40. cycle, 41. procreation, 42. variable, 43. countermeasure, 44. furious, 45. improve, 46. variability, 47. adaptation, 48. similarly, 49. rival

50. c__k flooring *n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
51. high-tech gi__o *n.* a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe
52. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
53. fl__k pain *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
54. sp____r venom *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
55. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
56. female of _____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
57. c__l an arm *v.* to wind something in a spiral or helical shape; to create a coil or coil-like shape; to group or organize something closely together in a circular or spiral pattern

ANSWERS: 50. cork, 51. gizmo, 52. maintain, 53. flank, 54. spider, 55. strike, 56. offspring, 57. coil

58. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
59. draw a dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
60. local f__a market *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
61. natural pro_____on *n.* the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction
62. pi___e a mystery *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
63. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
64. romantic se_____de *n.* a musical composition or performance, typically expressing love or affection, played or sung outdoors under the window of a loved one; a romantic gesture or tribute expressed through music
65. be___e brows *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
66. c___l wire *v.* to wind something in a spiral or helical shape; to create a coil or coil-like shape; to group or organize something closely together in a circular or spiral pattern
67. a ge_____c disorder *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
68. farming con_____on *n.* a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual

ANSWERS: 58. complicated, 59. distinction, 60. flea, 61. procreation, 62. pierce, 63. entirely, 64. serenade, 65. beetle, 66. coil, 67. genetic, 68. contraption

69. b__l fighter *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
70. man with a low sp__m count *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
71. natural var____ty *n.* the fact or quality of something being likely to vary
72. 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
73. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
74. sy_____e needle *n.* a device used for injecting or withdrawing fluids from the body, consisting of a tube and a plunger that creates a vacuum or expels the fluid
75. un_____ed guests *adj.* not wanted or desired
76. a female sc__w *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
77. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
78. publicly dis_____ve *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
79. sn__l mail *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

ANSWERS: 69. bull, 70. sperm, 71. variability, 72. strike, 73. improve, 74. syringe, 75. unwanted, 76. screw, 77. involve, 78. disapprove, 79. snail

80. swirl cou_____ise *adv.* in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow
81. c__k a bottle *n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
82. 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
83. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
84. multi-channel pi_____e *n.* a slender tube or tube-like instrument used for measuring small quantities of liquid, often with a bulb at one end that can be squeezed to draw liquid inside
85. in___t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
86. an ap_____ng offer *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
87. dis_____ve of the government *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

ANSWERS: 80. counterclockwise, 81. cork, 82. filter, 83. evolution, 84. pipette, 85. inject, 86. appealing, 87. disapprove

88. in_____te lacework *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
89. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
90. complicated con_____on *n.* a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual
91. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
92. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
93. wi__w pension *n.* a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried
94. r_m into the ice *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
95. dr_____ck grip *n.* a thin stick used to strike a drum to produce a sound
96. the evo_____ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
97. un_____ed attention *adj.* not wanted or desired
98. an ou_____d journey *adj.* relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
99. b__l market *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

ANSWERS: 88. intricate, 89. entirely, 90. contraption, 91. attempt, 92. separate, 93. widow, 94. ram, 95. drumstick, 96. evolutionary, 97. unwanted, 98. outward, 99. bull

100. dr_____ck case *n.* a thin stick used to strike a drum to produce a sound
101. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
102. artificial ins_____ion *n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy
103. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
104. infection of the va___a *n.* the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus
105. passionate ta__o *n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music
106. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
107. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 100. drumstick, 101. odd, 102. insemination, 103. device, 104. vagina, 105. tango, 106. function, 107. involve

108. ph____s sculpture *n.* a symbol or representation of the penis, typically depicted as an erect organ and often used to represent male sexuality, virility, or power
109. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
110. cause unb_____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
111. sy_____e injection *n.* a device used for injecting or withdrawing fluids from the body, consisting of a tube and a plunger that creates a vacuum or expels the fluid
112. sp____l staircase *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
113. pi____e the armored shells *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
114. sc__w the cap *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
115. important dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
116. de_____t money *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
117. re____b effect *n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space

ANSWERS: 108. phallus, 109. apparently, 110. unbelievable, 111. syringe, 112. spiral, 113. pierce, 114. screw, 115. distinction, 116. deposit, 117. reverb

118. time ex_____on
n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
119. a dependent va_____le
adj. likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed
120. fu_____s anger
adj. extremely angry; full of rage
121. sensual ta__o
n. a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music
122. a war wi__w
n. a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried
123. ex_____e in popularity
v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
124. rep_____ion rate
n. the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
125. move cl_____se
adv. in a circular direction that follows the course of a clock's hands or in a direction that is considered to be forward or positive

ANSWERS: 118. extension, 119. variable, 120. furious, 121. tango, 122. widow, 123. explode, 124. reproduction, 125. clockwise

126. h__f mark *n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
127. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
128. a grand con_____on *n.* a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle
129. sp___l design *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
130. merge with a ri__l company *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
131. handy gi__o *n.* a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe
132. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
133. a be___e larva *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
134. s__p on the back *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
135. dec_____ve art *adj.* serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing

ANSWERS: 126. hoof, 127. rub, 128. conception, 129. spiral, 130. rival, 131. gizmo, 132. odd, 133. beetle, 134. slap, 135. decorative

136. ne___r garment *adj.* located beneath or below; lower in position; situated below the surface of the Earth; referring to the lower parts of the body
137. fe_____ze the female egg *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
138. in_____e expense reports *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
139. ne___r lip *adj.* located beneath or below; lower in position; situated below the surface of the Earth; referring to the lower parts of the body
140. f__a infestation *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
141. establish his ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
142. in___t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
143. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
144. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

ANSWERS: 136. nether, 137. fertilize, 138. inflate, 139. nether, 140. flea, 141. kingdom, 142. inject, 143. tap, 144. evolve

145. sc___e a hole in the ground *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
146. have ge_____c testing *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
147. in___t antenna *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
148. web sp___r *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
149. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
150. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
151. rotate cl_____se *adv.* in a circular direction that follows the course of a clock's hands or in a direction that is considered to be forward or positive
152. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
153. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
154. se_____de by the lake *n.* a musical composition or performance, typically expressing love or affection, played or sung outdoors under the window of a loved one; a romantic gesture or tribute expressed through music

ANSWERS: 145. scrape, 146. genetic, 147. insect, 148. spider, 149. explode, 150. unbelievable, 151. clockwise, 152. fascinate, 153. complicated, 154. serenade

155. 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
156. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
157. re___n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
158. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
159. a fu___l-shaped device *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
160. in_____te details *adj.* having many different parts and small details that all work together
161. with an empty be__y *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
162. dec_____ve design *adj.* serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing
163. f__b the dub *v.* to botch or make a mistake, especially in public or in a professional setting, often through a lack of preparation or inattention to detail

ANSWERS: 155. filter, 156. fascinate, 157. retain, 158. device, 159. funnel, 160. intricate, 161. belly, 162. decorative, 163. flub

164. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
165. re____le each other *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
166. attack the left fl__k *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
167. dis_____le camera *adj.* designed to be used once and then thrown away
168. for in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
169. pi_____e tip *n.* a slender tube or tube-like instrument used for measuring small quantities of liquid, often with a bulb at one end that can be squeezed to draw liquid inside
170. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
171. ou_____d cheerfulness *adj.* relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
172. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
173. de_____t accumulation *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

ANSWERS: 164. tap, 165. resemble, 166. flank, 167. disposable, 168. instance, 169. pipette, 170. complexity, 171. outward, 172. bug, 173. deposit

174. re___n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
175. ball of d__g *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
176. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
177. re___b chamber *n.* an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space
178. va___a cancer care *n.* the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus
179. the be__y of the ship *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
180. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
181. ou__o the competition *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
182. sup_____lly knowledgeable *adv.* in a manner that is concerned only with surface appearances or lacks depth or thoroughness; on the surface but not in-depth or detail

ANSWERS: 174. retain, 175. dung, 176. conflict, 177. reverb, 178. vagina, 179. belly, 180. exploit, 181. outdo, 182. superficially

183. di___r from the majority *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
184. sc___e meat off a bone *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
185. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
186. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
187. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
188. f__b the high note *v.* to botch or make a mistake, especially in public or in a professional setting, often through a lack of preparation or inattention to detail
189. ou__o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
190. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
191. production of sp__m *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
192. sup_____lly charming *adv.* in a manner that is concerned only with surface appearances or lacks depth or thoroughness; on the surface but not in-depth or detail
193. bovine ins_____ion *n.* the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy

ANSWERS: 183. differ, 184. scrape, 185. separate, 186. evolve, 187. maintain, 188. flub, 189. outdo, 190. ram, 191. sperm, 192. superficially, 193. insemination

194. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
195. ge_____l bleeding *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
196. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
197. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
198. rep_____ion system *n.* the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
199. pain in the ge_____l area *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
200. a subordinate ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
201. sn____l pace *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
202. w____p into shape *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
203. go to the workplace by cy____e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
204. fossil re_____e *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles

ANSWERS: 194. evolution, 195. genital, 196. conflict, 197. instance, 198. reproduction, 199. genital, 200. kingdom, 201. snail, 202. whip, 203. cycle, 204. reptile

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. You can find all kinds of interesting _____ in this store.
n. a small gadget or mechanical device, particularly one that is difficult to name or describe
2. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
3. The extreme cold _____ our bones.
v. to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
4. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.
v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
5. They study the _____ of the universe.
n. a gradual process of transformation of living things
6. The farmer raised a _____ on his ranch for breeding purposes.
n. a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
7. The horse's _____ was injured and needed to be treated by a veterinarian.
n. the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
8. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
adj. extremely angry; full of rage

ANSWERS: 1. gizmos, 2. evolved, 3. pierced, 4. rubbed, 5. evolution, 6. bull, 7. hoof, 8. furious

9. The muscle around the _____ is elastic enough to allow the passage of a fetus.
- n.* the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus
10. I have no _____ of what you intend.
- n.* a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle
11. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
- v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
12. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
13. The archeologist discovered a rare artifact depicting a _____ symbol in the ruins of an ancient temple.
- n.* a symbol or representation of the penis, typically depicted as an erect organ and often used to represent male sexuality, virility, or power
14. The _____ spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.
- n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
15. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
- adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
16. 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

ANSWERS: 9. vagina, 10. conception, 11. inject, 12. instances, 13. phallus, 14. spider, 15. complicated, 16. strike

17. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.
- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
18. She used a _____ board to display her favorite photographs.
- n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
19. She had a tattoo just above her _____ button.
- n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
20. The inventor created a _____ that could turn salt water into drinking water.
- n.* a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual
21. He _____ the mud off his boots before entering the house.
- v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
22. I made a _____ at the bank to add money to my account.
- n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
23. The third _____ was far more successful.
- n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

ANSWERS: 17. tips, 18. cork, 19. belly, 20. contraption, 21. scraped, 22. deposit, 23. attempt

24. She carefully _____ the rope so that it wouldn't tangle.
- v. to wind something in a spiral or helical shape; to create a coil or coil-like shape; to group or organize something closely together in a circular or spiral pattern
25. The brothers _____ each other in the hobby.
- v. to look like or be similar to someone or something
26. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria _____.
- v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
27. After handling a toxic substance, she disposed of the contaminated _____ in the designated hazardous waste bin.
- n. a slender tube or tube-like instrument used for measuring small quantities of liquid, often with a bulb at one end that can be squeezed to draw liquid inside
28. The _____ of the plant depends on the pollinators.
- n. the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
29. The government implemented several _____ to combat the spread of the virus.
- n. an action taken to counter or offset another action
30. I can't see any _____ between these two concepts.
- n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people
31. 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

ANSWERS: 24. coiled, 25. resemble, 26. reproduce, 27. pipette, 28. reproduction, 29. countermeasures, 30. distinction, 31. involves

32. The _____ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.
adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
33. This patient must undergo _____ surgery.
n. an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed; (verb) to go past or round
34. The gardener found a _____ slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.
n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
35. He sang a _____ under her window to express his love for her.
n. a musical composition or performance, typically expressing love or affection, played or sung outdoors under the window of a loved one; a romantic gesture or tribute expressed through music
36. The _____ disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.
n. a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
37. Addicts often share dirty _____ putting themselves at risk for disease.
n. a device used for injecting or withdrawing fluids from the body, consisting of a tube and a plunger that creates a vacuum or expels the fluid
38. How many _____ does the average lion have?
n. descendant; any immature animal or plant
39. There is considerable _____ in all the test scores.
n. the fact or quality of something being likely to vary

ANSWERS: 32. genital, 33. bypass, 34. snail, 35. serenade, 36. flea-borne, 37. syringes, 38. offspring, 39. variability

40. The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to _____ a wife.
v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
41. He tried to _____ his rival by breaking the world record.
v. to do better than someone; to surpass
42. _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.
adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
43. The _____ regions of the building were dark and musty.
adj. located beneath or below; lower in position; situated below the surface of the Earth; referring to the lower parts of the body
44. He _____ criticized the painting without truly understanding its deeper meaning.
adv. in a manner that is concerned only with surface appearances or lacks depth or thoroughness; on the surface but not in-depth or detail
45. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.
v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
46. We need to turn the knob _____ to lock the door.
adv. in a circular direction that follows the course of a clock's hands or in a direction that is considered to be forward or positive
47. Computers help people _____ specific memories.
v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

ANSWERS: 40. fertilize, 41. outdo, 42. Evolutionary, 43. nether, 44. superficially, 45. screw, 46. clockwise, 47. retain

48. Rainfall in the tropics is highly _____.

adj. likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

49. I prefer using _____ razors because they are more convenient.

adj. designed to be used once and then thrown away

50. 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

51. The gymnast was able to _____ his muscles to perform the difficult routine.

v. to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily

52. His grandfather was an _____ man.

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

53. 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

54. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

55. We have to use a _____ to pour petrol into the tank.

n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

ANSWERS: 48. variable, 49. disposable, 50. complexity, 51. flex, 52. odd, 53. separate, 54. exploded, 55. funnel

56. In ancient civilizations, the scarab _____ was worshiped as a sacred creature.
- n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
57. These _____ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.
- n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
58. The drummer used _____ to play the drumset.
- n.* a thin stick used to strike a drum to produce a sound
59. They are building an _____ to the house to add more bedrooms.
- n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
60. The leaves of the fern were arranged in a _____ pattern.
- n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
61. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
- v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
62. We took a _____ lesson to prepare for our upcoming dance competition.
- n.* a ballroom dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay, characterized by a close embrace and intricate footwork, typically danced to slow, expressive music
63. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 56. beetle, 57. insects, 58. drumsticks, 59. extension, 60. spiral, 61. maintain, 62. tango, 63. device

64. He threw away the _____ items in his closet.
adj. not wanted or desired
65. Alligators are a type of _____ that live in swamps and rivers.
n. a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
66. The _____ tiles on the wall added a colorful and unique touch to the room.
adj. serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing
67. The food chain causes a material _____.
n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
68. The jockey _____ the horse hard to take first place.
v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
69. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.
adv. based on what you have heard or read
70. The car _____ into the wall, causing significant damage.
v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
71. The singer's voice had a natural _____ that sounded beautiful in the acoustically-designed church.
n. an audio effect that produces a sound that is reflected off surfaces in an enclosed space, creating a sense of space or ambiance; the natural echoing or reverberation of sound in a large or open space

ANSWERS: 64. unwanted, 65. reptile, 66. decorative, 67. cycle, 68. whipped, 69. apparently, 70. rammed, 71. reverb

72. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
73. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
74. The carousel rotates _____ at a slow pace.
adv. in a direction opposite to the rotation of a clock's hands or opposite to the usual direction of movement or flow
75. The magic tricks _____ the children.
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
76. She _____ the balloons for the party.
v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
77. The _____ appearance of the building was impressive, but the inside was in dire need of repairs.
adj. relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
78. She became a _____ after her husband passed away.
n. a woman whose spouse has died and who has not remarried
79. 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
80. The _____ of the mountain was difficult to climb.
n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

ANSWERS: 72. entirely, 73. exploit, 74. counterclockwise, 75. fascinated, 76. inflated, 77. outward, 78. widow, 79. filter, 80. flank

81. Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the _____ code.
adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
82. I _____ my lines during the school play, causing the audience to chuckle.
v. to botch or make a mistake, especially in public or in a professional setting, often through a lack of preparation or inattention to detail
83. The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very _____ to readers
adj. attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
84. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.
n. the country ruled by a king or queen
85. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
86. The use of contraception can significantly impact the rate of _____ within a population.
n. the act or process of producing offspring; reproduction
87. You can see the horse _____ on the country road.
n. solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
88. The couple opted for donor _____ after struggling with infertility.
n. the process of introducing semen into the reproductive system, typically to fertilize an egg and initiate a pregnancy

ANSWERS: 81. genetic, 82. flubbed, 83. appealing, 84. kingdom, 85. conflicts, 86. procreation, 87. dung, 88. insemination

89. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.
adv. in almost the same way
90. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
91. He interfered with his _____ in various ways during the campaign.
n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
92. The two products _____ in their quality and price.
v. to be not like someone or something in some way
93. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.
adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
94. The politician tried to ____ down the rumors about his personal life.
v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
95. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
96. The company's _____ approach has been highly effective.
n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

ANSWERS: 89. similarly, 90. tap, 91. rivals, 92. differed, 93. immediate, 94. slap, 95. function, 96. adaptation

97. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

98. I found a stink ____ crawling across the ceiling.

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

99. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

100. The male _____ fertilizes the female egg.

n. the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal

101. I _____ of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.

v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

102. The politician managed to deal with that _____ issue.

adj. having many different parts and small details that all work together

ANSWERS: 97. improve, 98. bug, 99. unbelievable, 100. sperm, 101. disapprove, 102. intricate