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Session 1: Word List

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym: conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

conceptualization

n. the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations

synonym: conception, formulation, thought

(1) **conceptualization** of a problem, (2) the **conceptualization** of the sculpture

The **conceptualization** of the project took several weeks to complete.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

cartoon

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym : illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym : drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

sewer

n. an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater

synonym : drain, pipeline, conduit

(1) **sewer** device, (2) **sewer** system

The city is upgrading its **sewer** system to prevent flooding during heavy rain.

accidental

adj. happening or existing by chance or unintentionally

synonym : inadvertent, fortuitous, coincidental

(1) **accidental** death, (2) cover **accidental** damage

This system prevents **accidental** deletion of data.

controllable

adj. able to be controlled or directed

synonym : manageable, governable, submissive

(1) computer- **controllable**, (2) **controllable** aircraft

The new software is much more **controllable** and

user-friendly.

consent

n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

synonym: approval, authorization, concession

(1) **consent** for surgery, (2) give silent **consent**

She gave her **consent** to the company's proposal.

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.

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

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.

crush

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

synonym: destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt

The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

swoon

v. to faint or lose consciousness due to overwhelming emotion, excitement, or admiration; to be deeply affected or impressed by someone or something

synonym: faint, collapse, conk

(1) nearly **swoon** in surprise, (2) **swoon** with delight

She couldn't help but **swoon** over the romantic proposal in the moonlit garden.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

ache

v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

synonym: hurt, throb, smart

(1) **ache** abominably, (2) **ache** all the time

I **ache** all over after running a marathon yesterday.

equate

v. to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

synonym: associate, liken, relate

(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility

It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

victim

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

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

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

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

foresee

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

synonym: predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges

I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

unavoidable

adj. impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable

synonym: inevitable, inescapable, certain

(1) an **unavoidable** accident, (2) under **unavoidable** circumstances

There are now fears that war is **unavoidable**.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

smite

v. to strike with a heavy blow or weapon; to defeat or conquer decisively; to afflict with sudden or severe pain or affliction

synonym: hit, strike, batter

(1) **smite** enemies, (2) **smite** a blow

The hero was able to **smite** the monster with a single blow.

participle

n. a form of a verb that is used to create verb tenses and aspects or to function as an adjective, often ends in -ing (present participle) or -ed (past participle)

(1) passive **participle**, (2) present **participle**

The verb **participle** is formed by adding -ing or -ed to the base form of a verb.

dictionary

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

synonym: lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**

I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

grievous

adj. causing great suffering, pain, or sorrow; serious, grave, or dire

synonym: atrocious, severe, painful

(1) **grievous** condition, (2) **grievous** mistake

The **grievous** injury he sustained in the car accident left him unable to walk.

affliction

n. a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief

synonym: anguish, distress, suffering

(1) mental **affliction**, (2) autoimmune **affliction**

Chronic pain can be a debilitating **affliction** that affects every aspect of one's life.

associate

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

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

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

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

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

testament

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

synonym: proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

exodus

n. a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time

synonym: emigration, evacuation, departure

(1) mass **exodus**, (2) the Oriental **exodus** from America

The rural **exodus** may cause long-term population loss.

refer

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

synonym: cite, allude, mention

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

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

bible

n. the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as

authoritative in its field

synonym: authoritative book, holy book, doctrine

(1) a passage from the **Bible**, (2) believe **Bible** prophecy
Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology **bible**.

vengeance

n. the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done

synonym: retaliation, retribution, revenge

(1) **vengeance** justice, (2) wreak **vengeance**

He sought **vengeance** for the wrongs done to him.

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

synonym: epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

locust

n. a type of grasshopper that can travel in large swarms and cause extensive damage to crops; can also refer to various other insects such as cicadas or katydids

synonym: grasshopper, cicada, cricket

(1) **locust** army, (2) **locust** plague

The **locust** infestation destroyed the crops, causing widespread famine.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

ostensible

adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or

hidden

synonym : apparent, seeming, supposed

(1) **ostensible** reason, (2) **ostensible** explanation

The **ostensible** purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.

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.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

mere

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

synonym : bare, minor, sheer

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

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

philosophy

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

synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

turbulent

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

synonym : chaotic, stormy, tumultuous

(1) **turbulent** waves, (2) **turbulent** age

The stock market has been **turbulent** lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

hostel

n. a type of inexpensive lodging or accommodation, often offering shared rooms and facilities and frequently used by travelers, backpackers, or students

synonym : inn, lodge, boarding house

(1) **hostel** accommodation, (2) youth **hostel**

Many students choose to live in a **hostel** during their college years.

midnight

n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

synonym : middle of the night, witching hour

(1) **midnight** snack, (2) **midnight** shift

I stayed up until **midnight** watching my favorite movie.

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.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym :

evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

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.

adventurous

adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

synonym: daring, risk-taking, bold

(1) lead an **adventurous** life, (2) **adventurous** pioneers

He has an **adventurous** spirit and is unafraid of risks.

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.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym: confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

dramatic

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

synonym : striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea

The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

miserable

adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

synonym : unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

synonym : illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

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.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym : demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym : lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question

Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

novel

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

synonym : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

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

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

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym : assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

confirm

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

synonym : affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

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**.

neurochemical

adj. of or relating to chemical processes occurring in neural activity or chemical substance that participates in neural activity

(1) **neurochemical** substances, (2) **neurochemical** mechanism

Our study focuses on **neurochemical** changes in the brain.

distinguished

adj. (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation

synonym: famous, outstanding, eminent

(1) a **distinguished** ancestry, (2) **distinguished** war services

The new CEO has a **distinguished** career

serotonin

n. a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory

(1) **serotonin** drug, (2) **serotonin** levels

The medicine works by boosting **serotonin** levels in the brain.

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.

diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym: identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans

This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

obsessive

adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

synonym: compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive**

thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

compulsive

adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

synonym : compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable

(1) **compulsive** gambling, (2) **compulsive** behavior

He had a **compulsive** need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

disorder

n. an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions

synonym : chaos, disturbance, disease

(1) the files are in complete **disorder**, (2) people with bipolar **disorder**

The doctor prescribed some medicine for the mental **disorder**.

depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym : recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

mood

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

synonym : mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

correlate

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

synonym: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

brain

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

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

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

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

desperate

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

synonym: anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

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.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

cosmic

adj. relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless

synonym: astronomical, celestial, outer-space

(1) second **cosmic** velocity, (2) **cosmic** background radiation

Cosmic rays are high-energy particles that originate from outside the solar system.

reward

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

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

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

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

circuit

n. (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area

synonym: route, course, rotation

(1) **circuit** breaker, (2) federal **circuit** courts

An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring **circuit**.

breakup

n. the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections

synonym: breakdown, divorce, separation

(1) a **breakup** hug, (2) air **breakup**

He got over the big **breakup** with his wife.

withdrawn

adj. having retired oneself from society, company, or public life; extremely shy and quiet

synonym: aloof, detached, reserved

(1) **withdrawn** product, (2) become socially **withdrawn**

She was **withdrawn** and didn't want to talk to anyone after

the breakup.

cocaine

n. a highly addictive stimulant drug that is derived from the leaves of the coca plant, often used recreationally for its euphoric effects but also used in medicine as a local anesthetic and vasoconstrictor

synonym : narcotic, coke, snow

(1) powder **cocaine**, (2) **cocaine** overdose

The drug dealer was arrested for possession of **cocaine**.

withdrawal

n. the act of taking money out of an account; the act of ceasing to participate in an activity and moving or taking something away or back

synonym : retreat, pullback, escape

(1) deposits and **withdrawals**, (2) **withdrawal** from membership

NATO's allied forces made a strategic **withdrawal**.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym : comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym : strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

addiction

n. the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym : dependence

(1) alcohol **addiction**, (2) **addiction** to foreign oil

He is now fighting his **addiction** to drugs.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym : circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic

synonym : excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

lifelong

adj. lasting for the whole of someone's life

synonym : enduring, eternal, permanent

(1) **lifelong** career, (2) **lifelong** commitment

He had a **lifelong** love of reading and spent hours daily with a book.

monogamy

n. the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner

synonym : marriage, monandry, monogamousness

(1) **monogamy** rules, (2) practice **monogamy**

Many religious institutions promote **monogamy** as the ideal form of marriage.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym : lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym : harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute
Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

assertive

adj. characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner

synonym : confident, self-assured, decisive

(1) **assertive** behavior, (2) an **assertive** approach

She was **assertive** and confident in her negotiation tactics during the business meeting.

open-minded

adj. willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas

synonym : receptive, impartial, approachable

(1) an **open-minded** person, (2) adopt an **open-minded** attitude

Both parties were pleased with the **open-minded** discussion.

linguist

n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

synonym : grammarist, philologue, polyglot

(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**

Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.

dilemma

n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

synonym : difficulty, plight, predicament

(1) chicken-and-egg **dilemma**, (2) be in a **dilemma**

The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common **dilemma**.

fulfill

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

synonym : satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

prophecy

n. a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

synonym: prediction, foretelling, divination

(1) **prophecy** fulfillment, (2) **prophecy** of doom

The fortune teller's **prophecy** that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

entail

v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

synonym: involve, necessitate, require

(1) **entail** legal consequences, (2) **entail** risks

The job offer **entails** a lot of responsibility and hard work.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

implication

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

synonym: suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word

His poem has a very significant **implication**.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym: agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

patience

n. the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry

synonym: forbearance, endurance, tolerance

(1) test my **patience**, (2) show **patience**

Healing a broken heart requires **patience**, as it takes time to heal.

align

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

synonym: coordinate, regulate, adjust

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

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

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

commitment

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

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

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

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

casual

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

synonym : informal, relaxed, offhand

(1) **casual** dress, (2) take a **casual** glance

They had a **casual** conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

polyamory

n. the practice or lifestyle of having multiple romantic or sexual relationships simultaneously with the consent and knowledge of all parties involved

synonym : open relationship, ethical non-monogamy, polygamy

(1) **polyamory** relationship, (2) ethical **polyamory**

My **polyamory** partner and I have an open and honest relationship where we both can explore romantic connections with other people.

asexual

adj. lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations

synonym : neutral, sexless, unisex

(1) **asexual** community, (2) **asexual** individual

Asexual reproduction is a common trait found in certain species of plants and animals.

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.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

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

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

unpredictable

adj. not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

synonym : uncertain, variable, random

(1) dangerously **unpredictable** person, (2) **unpredictable** outcome

The weather in this region is often **unpredictable**, with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

discipline

n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

synonym : training, restraint, field

(1) break **discipline**, (2) rigid **discipline**

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym : hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

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.

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.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym : sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

angst

n. a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general

synonym : anxiety, worry, stress

(1) an endless stream of **angst**, (2) with no **angst**

He felt a sense of **angst** about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym: exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym: modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym: redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym: esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

madden

v. to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration

synonym: infuriate, enrage, exasperate

(1) **madden** with rage, (2) **madden** the enemy
The slow internet connection **maddened** him as he tried to stream his favorite show.

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.

revolutionary

adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

synonym: radical, innovative, groundbreaking

(1) **revolutionary** change, (2) enforce **revolutionary** justice
The **revolutionary** leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym: extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure
The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

sculpt

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

synonym: carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype
He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ost_____le explanation
adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
2. an alt_____ve plan
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
3. em_____al health
adj. relating to people's feelings
4. eq___e mistakes with failure
v. to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
5. se_____in levels
n. a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory
6. tu_____nt age
adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
7. ar__e passionately
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
8. western phi_____hy
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
9. re_____le these differences
v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

ANSWERS: 1. ostensible, 2. alternative, 3. emotional, 4. equate, 5. serotonin, 6. turbulent, 7. argue, 8. philosophy, 9. reconcile

10. rev_____ary change *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
11. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
12. an as_____ve approach *adj.* characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner
13. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
14. sc____t an image *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
15. cr__h coffee beans *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
16. a br_____p hug *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
17. an endless stream of an__t *n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
18. mi_____ht snack *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
19. ob_____ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

ANSWERS: 10. revolutionary, 11. circumstance, 12. assertive, 13. complexity, 14. sculpt, 15. crush, 16. breakup, 17. angst, 18. midnight, 19. obsessive

20. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
21. co____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
22. wreak ve_____ce *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
23. 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
24. acc_____al death *adj.* happening or existing by chance or unintentionally
25. co____m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
26. exit from a l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
27. with no an__t *n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general
28. co_____te closely with the quality *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
29. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 20. relation, 21. confirm, 22. vengeance, 23. strike, 24. accidental, 25. confirm, 26. loop, 27. angst, 28. correlate, 29. violent

30. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
31. deposits and wit_____als *n.* the act of taking money out of an account; the act of ceasing to participate in an activity and moving or taking something away or back
32. an irr_____al request *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
33. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
34. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
35. ca____l dress *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
36. di_____se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
37. vi____m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
38. ba____h doubt *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
39. her de_____te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

ANSWERS: 30. complexity, 31. withdrawal, 32. irrational, 33. mere, 34. creative, 35. casual, 36. diagnose, 37. victim, 38. banish, 39. desperate

40. irr_____al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
41. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
42. re_____e problem *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
43. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
44. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
45. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
46. under una_____le circumstances *adj.* impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
47. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
48. fu_____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
49. an ope_____ed person *adj.* willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas
50. wit_____al from membership *n.* the act of taking money out of an account; the act of ceasing to participate in an activity and moving or taking something away or back
51. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 40. irrational, 41. aesthetic, 42. reframe, 43. well-being, 44. weird, 45. ultimate, 46. unavoidable, 47. argue, 48. furious, 49. open-minded, 50. withdrawal, 51. crazy

52. positive feedback l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
53. 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
54. co_____te to the size *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
55. ve_____ce justice *n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done
56. pr_____cy fulfillment *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
57. ob_____ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
58. 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
59. ro_____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
60. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 52. loop, 53. span, 54. correlate, 55. vengeance, 56. prophecy, 57. obsessive, 58. argument, 59. romantic, 60. develop

61. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
62. powder co_____e *n.* a highly addictive stimulant drug that is derived from the leaves of the coca plant, often used recreationally for its euphoric effects but also used in medicine as a local anesthetic and vasoconstrictor
63. neu_____cal mechanism *adj.* of or relating to chemical processes occurring in neural activity or chemical substance that participates in neural activity
64. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
65. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
66. adv_____us pioneers *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
67. the root problem of her dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
68. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
69. autoimmune aff_____on *n.* a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief

ANSWERS: 61. relation, 62. cocaine, 63. neurochemical, 64. distance, 65. emotional, 66. adventurous, 67. depression, 68. devastate, 69. affliction

70. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
71. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
72. air br_____p *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
73. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
74. chicken-and-egg di_____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
75. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
76. the Oriental ex_____s from America *n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time
77. unp_____ble outcome *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
78. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
79. visual me_____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

ANSWERS: 70. norm, 71. reinforce, 72. breakup, 73. frustrate, 74. dilemma, 75. ultimate, 76. exodus, 77. unpredictable, 78. context, 79. metaphor

80. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
81. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
82. 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
83. give properties by te_____nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
84. ho____l accommodation *n.* a type of inexpensive lodging or accommodation, often offering shared rooms and facilities and frequently used by travelers, backpackers, or students
85. eq____e to legal responsibility *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
86. enforce rev_____ary justice *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
87. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
88. leg_____te question *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
89. neu_____cal substances *adj.* of or relating to chemical processes occurring in neural activity or chemical substance that participates in neural activity
90. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 80. lifetime, 81. mere, 82. argument, 83. testament, 84. hostel, 85. equate, 86. revolutionary, 87. creative, 88. legitimate, 89. neurochemical, 90. involve

91. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
92. mi_____le experience *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
93. dic_____ry definition *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
94. break dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
95. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
96. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
97. a leg_____te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
98. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
99. lo___t plague *n.* a type of grasshopper that can travel in large swarms and cause extensive damage to crops; can also refer to various other insects such as cicadas or katydids
100. nearly sw__n in surprise *v.* to faint or lose consciousness due to overwhelming emotion, excitement, or admiration; to be deeply affected or impressed by someone or something

ANSWERS: 91. contemporary, 92. miserable, 93. dictionary, 94. discipline, 95. flee, 96. opportune, 97. legitimate, 98. strike, 99. locust, 100. swoon

101. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
102. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
103. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
104. mental aff_____on *n.* a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief
105. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
106. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
107. con_____ion of a problem *n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
108. ca_____n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
109. ethical po_____ry *n.* the practice or lifestyle of having multiple romantic or sexual relationships simultaneously with the consent and knowledge of all parties involved

ANSWERS: 101. contemporary, 102. radical, 103. disappoint, 104. affliction, 105. refer, 106. essentially, 107. conceptualization, 108. cartoon, 109. polyamory

110. fu____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
111. deadly pl____e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
112. a__e all the time *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
113. computer-con_____ble *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
114. gr____us mistake *adj.* causing great suffering, pain, or sorrow; serious, grave, or dire
115. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
116. present par_____le *n.* a form of a verb that is used to create verb tenses and aspects or to function as an adjective, often ends in -ing (present participle) or -ed (past participle)
117. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
118. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
119. passive par_____le *n.* a form of a verb that is used to create verb tenses and aspects or to function as an adjective, often ends in -ing (present participle) or -ed (past participle)

ANSWERS: 110. fulfill, 111. plague, 112. ache, 113. controllable, 114. grievous, 115. brain, 116. participle, 117. biology, 118. radical, 119. participle

120. re_____e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
121. mass ex____s *n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time
122. shopping re____ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
123. be in a di_____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
124. li_____ng career *adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life
125. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
126. a fu_____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
127. gr_____us condition *adj.* causing great suffering, pain, or sorrow; serious, grave, or dire
128. lead an adv_____us life *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
129. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
130. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
131. com_____ve behavior *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

ANSWERS: 120. reframe, 121. exodus, 122. reward, 123. dilemma, 124. lifelong, 125. invest, 126. furious, 127. grievous, 128. adventurous, 129. context, 130. well-being, 131. compulsive

132. make dr____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
133. de_____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
134. show pa_____ce *n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry
135. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
136. cover acc_____al damage *adj.* happening or existing by chance or unintentionally
137. online dic_____ry *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
138. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
139. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
140. co___c background radiation *adj.* relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless
141. se__r device *n.* an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater

ANSWERS: 132. dramatic, 133. desperate, 134. patience, 135. associate, 136. accidental, 137. dictionary, 138. panic, 139. suffer, 140. cosmic, 141. sewer

142. ma___n the enemy *v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
143. fo_____e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
144. ost_____le reason *adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
145. sc___t prototype *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
146. ma___n with rage *v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
147. in an ugly m__d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
148. cr__h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
149. 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
150. pl_____t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

ANSWERS: 142. madden, 143. foresee, 144. ostensible, 145. sculpt, 146. madden, 147. mood, 148. crush, 149. decide, 150. plummet

151. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
152. re_____le her mother *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
153. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
154. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
155. youth ho____l *n.* a type of inexpensive lodging or accommodation, often offering shared rooms and facilities and frequently used by travelers, backpackers, or students
156. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
157. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
158. become socially wi_____wn *adj.* having retired oneself from society, company, or public life; extremely shy and quiet
159. the files are in complete di_____er *n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions
160. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
161. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
162. people with bipolar di_____er *n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions

ANSWERS: 151. devastate, 152. resemble, 153. eventually, 154. extreme, 155. hostel, 156. collaborate, 157. compromise, 158. withdrawn, 159. disorder, 160. empower, 161. reward, 162. disorder

163. di_____se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
164. me_____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
165. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
166. ca_____n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
167. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
168. wi_____wn product *adj.* having retired oneself from society, company, or public life; extremely shy and quiet
169. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
170. an una_____le accident *adj.* impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable
171. en___l risks *v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

ANSWERS: 163. diagnose, 164. metaphor, 165. circumstance, 166. cartoon, 167. develop, 168. withdrawn, 169. flee, 170. unavoidable, 171. entail

172. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
173. co_____t for surgery *n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
174. catch the pl____e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
175. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
176. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
177. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
178. as_____ve behavior *adj.* characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner
179. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
180. mi_____le weather *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
181. en____l legal consequences *v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

ANSWERS: 172. novel, 173. consent, 174. plague, 175. crazy, 176. biology, 177. invest, 178. assertive, 179. associate, 180. miserable, 181. entail

182. the state of being we__d	<i>adj.</i> extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
183. pr__e number	<i>adj.</i> main or most important; basic
184. meet his com_____nts	<i>n.</i> a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
185. de___e a question	<i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
186. vi_____t incident	<i>adj.</i> involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
187. li_____me benefits	<i>n.</i> the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
188. foreign li_____st	<i>n.</i> a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
189. con_____ble aircraft	<i>adj.</i> able to be controlled or directed
190. historical no__l	<i>n.</i> an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
191. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist	<i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
192. re_____le each other	<i>v.</i> to look like or be similar to someone or something
193. alcohol ad_____on	<i>n.</i> the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

ANSWERS: 182. weird, 183. prime, 184. commitment, 185. decide, 186. violent, 187. lifetime, 188. linguist, 189. controllable, 190. novel, 191. communicate, 192. resemble, 193. addiction

194. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
195. ad___e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
196. sw__n with delight *v.* to faint or lose consciousness due to overwhelming emotion, excitement, or admiration; to be deeply affected or impressed by someone or something
197. te_____nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
198. the con_____ion of the sculpture *n.* the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations
199. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
200. re_____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
201. fr_____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
202. pr_____cy of doom *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
203. re_____le a dispute *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

ANSWERS: 194. norm, 195. admire, 196. swoon, 197. testament, 198. conceptualization, 199. essentially, 200. reassure, 201. frustrate, 202. prophecy, 203. reconcile

204. cognitive li____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
205. ad_____on to foreign oil *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
206. re_____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
207. second co____c velocity *adj.* relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless
208. believe Bi__e prophecy *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
209. dis_____hed war services *adj.* (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation
210. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
211. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
212. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
213. a__e abominably *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
214. 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: 204. linguist, 205. addiction, 206. reassure, 207. cosmic, 208. bible, 209. distinguished, 210. compromise, 211. define, 212. collaborate, 213. ache, 214. span

215. take a ca___l glance	<i>adj.</i> relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
216. dangerously unp_____ble person	<i>adj.</i> not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
217. a st_____ht line	<i>adj.</i> extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
218. adopt an ope_____ed attitude	<i>adj.</i> willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas
219. rigid dis_____ne	<i>n.</i> the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
220. for spe_____lly American customers	<i>adv.</i> only associated with or meant for one thing
221. com_____te well with my advisor	<i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
222. deputy pr__e minister	<i>adj.</i> main or most important; basic
223. a m_d person	<i>adj.</i> insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
224. co_____e overdose	<i>n.</i> a highly addictive stimulant drug that is derived from the leaves of the coca plant, often used recreationally for its euphoric effects but also used in medicine as a local anesthetic and vasoconstrictor

ANSWERS: 215. casual, 216. unpredictable, 217. straight, 218. open-minded, 219. discipline, 220. specifically, 221. communicate, 222. prime, 223. mad, 224. cocaine

225. em_____r the secretary to do the same
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
226. give silent co_____t
n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
227. se_____in drug
n. a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory
228. driving di_____ce
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
229. designed spe_____lly for men
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
230. ci_____t breaker
n. (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
231. fo_____e the consequences
v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
232. su_____t that he is sick
v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
233. as_____l individual
adj. lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations

ANSWERS: 225. empower, 226. consent, 227. serotonin, 228. distance, 229. specifically, 230. circuit, 231. foresee, 232. suspect, 233. asexual

234. the imp_____on in a crime *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
235. a dis_____hed ancestry *adj.* (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation
236. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
237. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
238. ba____h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
239. lo____t army *n.* a type of grasshopper that can travel in large swarms and cause extensive damage to crops; can also refer to various other insects such as cicadas or katydids
240. a dr_____ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
241. a passage from the Bi__e *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
242. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
243. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

ANSWERS: 234. implication, 235. distinguished, 236. opportune, 237. plummet, 238. banish, 239. locust, 240. dramatic, 241. bible, 242. mad, 243. disappoint

244. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
245. mi_____ht shift *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
246. the Great Dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
247. se__r system *n.* an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater
248. the m__d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
249. com_____ve gambling *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
250. federal ci_____t courts *n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
251. mo_____my rules *n.* the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner
252. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 244. panic, 245. midnight, 246. depression, 247. sewer, 248. mood, 249. compulsive, 250. circuit, 251. monogamy, 252. refer

253. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
254. tu_____nt waves *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
255. al__n the economic interest of each other *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
256. fu_____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
257. re_____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
258. ro_____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
259. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
260. practice mo_____my *n.* the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner
261. sm___e a blow *v.* to strike with a heavy blow or weapon; to defeat or conquer decisively; to afflict with sudden or severe pain or affliction
262. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
263. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 253. extreme, 254. turbulent, 255. align, 256. fulfill, 257. reinforce, 258. romantic, 259. admire, 260. monogamy, 261. smite, 262. straight, 263. eventually

264. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
265. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
266. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
267. al___n with a historical trend *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
268. sm___e enemies *v.* to strike with a heavy blow or weapon; to defeat or conquer decisively; to afflict with sudden or severe pain or affliction
269. the imp_____on of a word *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
270. li_____ng commitment *adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life
271. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
272. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
273. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
274. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
275. po_____ry relationship *n.* the practice or lifestyle of having multiple romantic or sexual relationships simultaneously with the consent and knowledge of all parties involved

ANSWERS: 264. commitment, 265. suffer, 266. define, 267. align, 268. smite, 269. implication, 270. lifelong, 271. victim, 272. involve, 273. alternative, 274. aesthetic, 275. polyamory

276. su____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
277. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
278. as____l community *adj.* lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations
279. test my pa_____ce *n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry
280. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 276. suspect, 277. brain, 278. asexual, 279. patience, 280. philosophy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We may frequently _____ age with the frequency of disease.
 - v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

2. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
 - adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

3. The medicine works by boosting _____ levels in the brain.
 - n.* a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory

4. 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

5. He quickly learned the military _____.
 - n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

6. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.
 - v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

7. He felt a sense of _____ about the future and wasn't sure what would happen.
 - n.* a feeling of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general

ANSWERS: 1. correlate, 2. opportune, 3. serotonin, 4. argument, 5. discipline, 6. reframe, 7. angst

8. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.
adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
9. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
10. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.
v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
11. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
12. 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
13. She gave her _____ to the company's proposal.
n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
14. He had a _____ need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.
adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

ANSWERS: 8. dramatic, 9. well-being, 10. diagnose, 11. distance, 12. involves, 13. consent, 14. compulsive

15. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
16. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
17. The drug dealer was arrested for possession of _____.
n. a highly addictive stimulant drug that is derived from the leaves of the coca plant, often used recreationally for its euphoric effects but also used in medicine as a local anesthetic and vasoconstrictor
18. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
19. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
20. We should _____ the troops at the front line.
v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
21. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
22. Many students choose to live in a _____ during their college years.
n. a type of inexpensive lodging or accommodation, often offering shared rooms and facilities and frequently used by travelers, backpackers, or students

ANSWERS: 15. Essentially, 16. eventually, 17. cocaine, 18. context, 19. norms, 20. reinforce, 21. victim, 22. hostel

23. The rural _____ may cause long-term population loss.

n. a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time

24. Both parties were pleased with the _____ discussion.

adj. willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas

25. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

26. I need to purchase a new English _____.

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

27. 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

28. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

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

29. The _____ injury he sustained in the car accident left him unable to walk.

adj. causing great suffering, pain, or sorrow; serious, grave, or dire

30. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

ANSWERS: 23. exodus, 24. open-minded, 25. plague, 26. dictionary, 27. relations, 28. argue, 29. grievous, 30. legitimate

31. 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
32. 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
33. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.
adj. belonging to the same or present time
34. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.
v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
35. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.
adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
36. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.
n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
37. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.
v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
38. He spent hours every day _____ figures out of clay.
v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
39. Her _____ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.
adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

ANSWERS: 31. complexity, 32. strike, 33. Contemporary, 34. reassure, 35. irrational, 36. mood, 37. fulfilled, 38. sculpting, 39. obsessive

40. Both parties are now entirely ideologically _____.
- v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
41. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
- adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
42. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
43. Sometimes it is challenging to _____ science and religion.
- v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
44. I _____ all over after running a marathon yesterday.
- v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
45. I stayed up until _____ watching my favorite movie.
- n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
46. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
47. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
- n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

ANSWERS: 40. aligned, 41. radical, 42. alternative, 43. reconcile, 44. ache, 45. midnight, 46. empowered, 47. lifetime

48. He is now fighting his _____ to drugs.
- n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
49. My _____ partner and I have an open and honest relationship where we both can explore romantic connections with other people.
- n.* the practice or lifestyle of having multiple romantic or sexual relationships simultaneously with the consent and knowledge of all parties involved
50. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
- v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
51. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.
- v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
52. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
- n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
53. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
54. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
- adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
55. I _____ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.
- v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

ANSWERS: 48. addiction, 49. polyamory, 50. collaborate, 51. admire, 52. rewards, 53. invest, 54. specifically, 55. foresee

56. Chronic pain can be a debilitating _____ that affects every aspect of one's life.

- n.* a condition of physical or mental suffering or distress, often caused by illness, injury, or other adversity; a burden or trouble that causes hardship or grief

57. He got over the big _____ with his wife.

- n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections

58. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.

- n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

59. The verb _____ is formed by adding -ing or -ed to the base form of a verb.

- n.* a form of a verb that is used to create verb tenses and aspects or to function as an adjective, often ends in -ing (present participle) or -ed (past participle)

60. He was _____ with joy to see the results.

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

61. Our study focuses on _____ changes in the brain.

- adj.* of or relating to chemical processes occurring in neural activity or chemical substance that participates in neural activity

62. NATO's allied forces made a strategic _____.

- n.* the act of taking money out of an account; the act of ceasing to participate in an activity and moving or taking something away or back

63. She couldn't help but _____ over the romantic proposal in the moonlit garden.

- v.* to faint or lose consciousness due to overwhelming emotion, excitement, or admiration; to be deeply affected or impressed by someone or something

ANSWERS: 56. affliction, 57. breakup, 58. loop, 59. participle, 60. mad, 61. neurochemical, 62. withdrawal, 63. swoon

64. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
65. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
66. The car was completely _____ in the accident.
v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
67. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree
68. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
69. The job offer _____ a lot of responsibility and hard work.
v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
70. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
71. The slow internet connection _____ him as he tried to stream his favorite show.
v. to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
72. An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring _____.
n. (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area

ANSWERS: 64. associate, 65. compromised, 66. crushed, 67. extreme, 68. crazy, 69. entails, 70. flee, 71. maddened, 72. circuit

73. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.
- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
74. It isn't very reasonable to _____ money with happiness.
- v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
75. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.
- v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
76. She was _____ and didn't want to talk to anyone after the breakup.
- adj.* having retired oneself from society, company, or public life; extremely shy and quiet
77. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
78. He has an _____ spirit and is unafraid of risks.
- adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
79. Please write to _____ your reservation.
- v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
80. His business _____ took him to the United States.
- n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

ANSWERS: 73. metaphors, 74. equate, 75. frustrate, 76. withdrawn, 77. define, 78. adventurous, 79. confirm, 80. commitments

81. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

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

82. He had a _____ love of reading and spent hours daily with a book.

- adj.* lasting for the whole of someone's life

83. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.

- v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

84. The city is upgrading its _____ system to prevent flooding during heavy rain.

- n.* an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater

85. They had a _____ conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

- adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

86. He lost the election by _____ votes.

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

87. He sought _____ for the wrongs done to him.

- n.* the act of punishing or harming someone in return for something harmful that they have done

88. His poem has a very significant _____.

- n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

89. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.

- adj.* main or most important; basic

ANSWERS: 81. refer, 82. lifelong, 83. devastate, 84. sewer, 85. casual, 86. mere, 87. vengeance, 88. implication, 89. prime

90. 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
91. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.
- n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
92. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
- v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
93. He was sick for five _____ days.
- adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
94. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
95. She was _____ and confident in her negotiation tactics during the business meeting.
- adj.* characterized by a confident and forceful personality; expressing one's opinions or desires directly and positively; standing up for oneself in a firm but non-aggressive manner
96. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
97. 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

ANSWERS: 90. decide, 91. cartoon, 92. disappoint, 93. straight, 94. philosophy, 95. assertive, 96. ultimate, 97. span

98. The hero was able to _____ the monster with a single blow.

- v.* to strike with a heavy blow or weapon; to defeat or conquer decisively; to afflict with sudden or severe pain or affliction

99. The queen _____ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

- v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

100. Though I love literature, I'm a bad _____.

- n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

101. The weather in this region is often _____ with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

- adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

102. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

103. She felt _____ after her dog passed away.

- adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

104. _____ rays are high-energy particles that originate from outside the solar system.

- adj.* relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless

105. His wealth is a _____ to his success.

- n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

ANSWERS: 98. smite, 99. banished, 100. linguist, 101. unpredictable, 102. creative, 103. miserable, 104. Cosmic, 105. testament

106. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
107. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.
n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
108. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
109. Healing a broken heart requires _____ as it takes time to heal.
n. the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry
110. Many religious institutions promote _____ as the ideal form of marriage.
n. the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner
111. The brothers _____ each other in the hobby.
v. to look like or be similar to someone or something
112. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
113. The stock market has been _____ lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.
adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

ANSWERS: 106. suffers, 107. panic, 108. biology, 109. patience, 110. monogamy, 111. resemble, 112. suspected, 113. turbulent

114. This system prevents _____ deletion of data.

adj. happening or existing by chance or unintentionally

115. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

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

116. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

117. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

118. The doctor prescribed some medicine for the mental _____.

n. an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions

119. There are now fears that war is _____.

adj. impossible to avoid or evade; inevitable

120. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

121. The new CEO has a _____ career

adj. (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation

ANSWERS: 114. accidental, 115. brain, 116. aesthetic, 117. emotional, 118. disorder, 119. unavoidable, 120. desperate, 121. distinguished

122. The _____ purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.
- adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
123. Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology _____.
- n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
124. The fortune teller's _____ that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.
- n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
125. The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common _____.
- n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
126. It was his first _____ love.
- adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
127. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
128. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 122. ostensible, 123. bible, 124. prophecy, 125. dilemma, 126. romantic, 127. violent, 128. communicate

129. The _____ infestation destroyed the crops, causing widespread famine.
n. a type of grasshopper that can travel in large swarms and cause extensive damage to crops; can also refer to various other insects such as cicadas or katydids
130. The new software is much more _____ and user-friendly.
adj. able to be controlled or directed
131. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
132. _____ reproduction is a common trait found in certain species of plants and animals.
adj. lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations
133. _____ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.
n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
134. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
135. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
136. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 129. locust, 130. controllable, 131. novel, 132. Asexual, 133. Depression,

134. weird, 135. circumstances, 136. develop

137. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
adj. extremely angry; full of rage
138. The _____ leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.
adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
139. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
140. The _____ of the project took several weeks to complete.
n. the process of forming or developing an abstract idea or concept, often through the use of language or other symbolic representations

ANSWERS: 137. furious, 138. revolutionary, 139. plummeted, 140. conceptualization