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Session 1: Word List

rumor

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

synonym: gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

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

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

pet

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

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

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

shareholder

n. a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company

synonym: stockholder, shareowner, investor

(1) the **shareholder's** meeting, (2) gain **shareholder**

approval

Our company is committed to increasing **shareholder** value.

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

synonym: clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

businessperson

n. a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

synonym: entrepreneur, executive

(1) a young **businessperson**, (2) **businessperson** network

He was a successful **businessperson** and had much experience in the field.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

confident

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

synonym: certain, sure, convinced

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

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

widespread

adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people

synonym:

across-the-board, overall, general

(1) **widespread** use, (2) **widespread** fear of nuclear war
In medieval times, death punishment was **widespread** and socially accepted.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

device

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

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

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

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

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

browse

v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

synonym: look around, look through, scan

(1) **browse** a website, (2) **browse** through the text

We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

laptop

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

(1) bring my **laptop**, (2) thin-and-light **laptop**

I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my **laptop** all day.

smartphone

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

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

journalist

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

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two

wine-producing regions.

silicon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

(1) **silicon** wafer, (2) crystalline **silicon**

Silicon is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

peninsula

n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

synonym: cape, foreland

(1) the tip of the **peninsula**, (2) the Arab **peninsula**

That **peninsula** was an essential base for the country's defense.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym: score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

executive

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

synonym: administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd
She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking
Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym: descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils
He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

engage

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

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

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

(2) **engage** a new employee

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

survival

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

synonym: endurance, continuity

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

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

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

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.

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**.

zoom

v. to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

synonym : move quickly, dive, buzz

(1) **zoom** in on a photo, (2) **zoom** lens

He **zoomed** back in time to the soccer game.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym : holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

sliver

n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

synonym : splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal

I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

magic

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

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

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

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

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

synonym : amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym: enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

relaxation

n. a state of being free from tension, stress, or anxiety; a condition of being relaxed, calm, and comfortable; a period of rest or leisure

synonym: rest, repose, ease

(1) **relaxation** techniques, (2) **relaxation** music

Yoga is a great way to promote **relaxation** and reduce stress.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym: disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym: amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

- cue** *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
synonym : signal, sign, hint
(1) **cue** card, (2) visual **cue**
The director gave the actor a **cue** to begin the scene.
- 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.
- chapter** *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
synonym : section, phase, episode
(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party
The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.
- prompt** *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
synonym : actuate, inspire, incite
(1) **prompt** a feeling of hunger, (2) **prompt** a debate
That incident **prompted** a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.
- consume** *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
synonym : absorb, ingest, use up
(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity
A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.
- roll** *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
synonym : spin, swirl, wheel
(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

twit *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
synonym: fool, idiot, imbecile
(1) celebrity **twit**, (2) neighborhood **twit**
Please ignore that **twit** on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.

firm *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
synonym: stable, secure, steadfast
(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**
The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

rig *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
synonym: set up, prepare, arrange
(1) **rig** an election, (2) **rig** a ship with new sails
He **rigged** the game so he could win the prize.

ceiling *n.* a room's top interior surface
synonym: canopy, awning, shelter
(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light
There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

yoga *n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
synonym: meditation, exercise, spiritual practice
(1) aerial **yoga**, (2) **yoga** teacher

Many people find that regular **yoga** practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.

studio

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

synonym : workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

vacation

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

synonym : leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

delete

v. to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information

synonym : erase, wipe out, remove

(1) **delete** a file, (2) **delete** this modification

Highlight the sentences that you want to **delete**.

occasion

n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

synonym : event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands

She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym : fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

temptation

n. the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire

synonym : allure, attraction, enticement

(1) withstand **temptation**, (2) many **temptations**

Researchers often succumb to the **temptation** of accolades and commit research misconduct.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

overcome

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

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

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

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

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**.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

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

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

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

synonym : speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car

The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

mash

v. to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions;
(noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

synonym : crush, grind, pulverize

(1) **mash** his words, (2) potato **mash**

She **mashed** the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

brake

n. a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels

synonym : damper, restraint, check

(1) apply the **brake**, (2) **brake** pedal

The results of that election put a **brake** on political reform.

pedal

n. a foot-operated lever or control, especially one used to control a vehicle, machine, or musical instrument

synonym : treadle, accelerator

(1) clutch **pedal**, (2) piano **pedal**

He pressed the **pedal** with all his might, but the car still wouldn't start.

glide

v. to move smoothly and effortlessly

synonym : slide, skim, coast

(1) **glide** through the water, (2) **glide** down the mountain

The eagle gracefully **glided** on the thermals, soaring above

the mountains.

snap

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

synonym: break, crack, fracture

(1) **snap** a whip, (2) **snap** judgment

She **snapped** a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

synonym: grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

ankle

n. the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg

synonym: mortise joint

(1) **ankle** injury, (2) pair of **ankle** boots

He accidentally sprained his **ankle** playing squash.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|---|
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| 2. wit_____al from membership | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 3. ce_____g light | <i>n.</i> a room's top interior surface |
| 4. ma_____e stars | <i>adj.</i> enormous amount; very heavy and solid |
| 5. bus_____son network | <i>n.</i> a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive |
| 6. r__l down his cheeks | <i>v.</i> to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side |
| 7. eve_____ly become obsolete | <i>adv.</i> finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on |
| 8. en___h public services | <i>v.</i> to make better or improve in quality by adding something else |
| 9. re_____e CO2 into the air | <i>v.</i> to set free or allow to escape from confinement |
| 10. his conclusion was ob_____s | <i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand |
| 11. br__e pedal | <i>n.</i> a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels |
| 12. ex___d agricultural output | <i>v.</i> to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance |

ANSWERS: 1. confident, 2. withdrawal, 3. ceiling, 4. massive, 5. businessperson, 6. roll, 7. eventually, 8. enrich, 9. release, 10. obvious, 11. brake, 12. expand

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

ANSWERS: 13. occasion, 14. incredibly, 15. struggle, 16. miraculous, 17. sand, 18. journalist, 19. extraordinary, 20. release, 21. survival

22. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
23. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
24. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
25. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
26. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
27. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
28. st___le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
29. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
30. a false ru__r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
31. celebrity t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating

ANSWERS: 22. app, 23. confident, 24. studio, 25. conversation, 26. industrious, 27. creative, 28. struggle, 29. adopt, 30. rumor, 31. twit

32. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
33. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
34. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
35. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
36. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
37. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
38. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
39. a p_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
40. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
41. go through a mir_____us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
42. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

ANSWERS: 32. firm, 33. valley, 34. app, 35. relation, 36. psychology, 37. pet, 38. decline, 39. pet, 40. overcome, 41. miraculous, 42. accelerate

43. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
44. ex_____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
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46. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
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ANSWERS: 43. incredibly, 44. executive, 45. convincing, 46. journalist, 47. peninsula, 48. prompt, 49. magic, 50. incredible, 51. entertainment

52. z__m lens
v. to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
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adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
55. ex_____ve vice president
n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
56. as oc_____on demands
n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
57. eve_____ly succeed
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
58. tracking de___e
n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
59. bring my la___p
n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
60. the halo of a sa___d image
adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

ANSWERS: 52. zoom, 53. resist, 54. creative, 55. executive, 56. occasion, 57. eventually, 58. device, 59. laptop, 60. sacred

61. aerial y__a *n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
62. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
63. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
64. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
65. abruptly in_____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
66. br___e a website *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
67. br___e through the text *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
68. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
69. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 61. yoga, 62. grade, 63. studio, 64. industrious, 65. interrupt, 66. browse, 67. browse, 68. engage, 69. firm

70. co_____e a large of alcohol
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
71. dem_____te a difference
v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
72. potato m__h
v. to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
73. c_e card
n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
74. sma_____ne app developer
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
75. con_____ion in English
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
76. sl_____ly alkaline soils
adv. in a small degree or extent; a little
77. military st_____gy
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
78. in_____pt a call
v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
79. piano pe__l
n. a foot-operated lever or control, especially one used to control a vehicle, machine, or musical instrument
80. ind_____al freedom
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 70. consume, 71. demonstrate, 72. mash, 73. cue, 74. smartphone, 75. conversation, 76. slightly, 77. strategy, 78. interrupt, 79. pedal, 80. individual

81. increase sl____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
82. neighborhood t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
83. an introductory ch____r *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
84. ce____g board *n.* a room's top interior surface
85. a con_____ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
86. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
87. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
88. crystalline si____n *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
89. s__p a whip *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
90. su____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
91. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
92. ro____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

ANSWERS: 81. slightly, 82. twit, 83. chapter, 84. ceiling, 85. convincing, 86. technological, 87. germ, 88. silicon, 89. snap, 90. survival, 91. grade, 92. roughly

93. summer va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
94. the tip of the pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
95. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
96. visual c_e *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
97. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
98. de___e a file *v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
99. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
100. apply the br__e *n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels
101. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

ANSWERS: 93. vacation, 94. peninsula, 95. introduction, 96. cue, 97. entertainment, 98. delete, 99. massive, 100. brake, 101. roughly

102. m__h his words *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
103. thin-and-light la___p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
104. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
105. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
106. the sha_____er's meeting *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
107. rel_____on music *n.* a state of being free from tension, stress, or anxiety; a condition of being relaxed, calm, and comfortable; a period of rest or leisure
108. pair of an__e boots *n.* the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg
109. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
110. r_g an election *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

ANSWERS: 102. mash, 103. laptop, 104. engage, 105. device, 106. shareholder, 107. relaxation, 108. ankle, 109. consume, 110. rig

111. gain sha_____er approval *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
112. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
113. ru__r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
114. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
115. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
116. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
117. wid_____ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
118. gl__e through the water *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
119. z__m in on a photo *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
120. sa___d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
121. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent

ANSWERS: 111. shareholder, 112. apparently, 113. rumor, 114. overcome, 115. smartphone, 116. magic, 117. widespread, 118. glide, 119. zoom, 120. sacred, 121. fantastic

122. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
123. rel_____on techniques *n.* a state of being free from tension, stress, or anxiety; a condition of being relaxed, calm, and comfortable; a period of rest or leisure
124. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
125. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
126. an__e injury *n.* the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg
127. sl___r of metal *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
128. a short va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
129. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
130. sl___r of wood *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

ANSWERS: 122. germ, 123. relaxation, 124. relation, 125. technological, 126. ankle, 127. sliver, 128. vacation, 129. obvious, 130. sliver

131. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
132. gl__e down the mountain *v.* to move smoothly and effortlessly
133. wid_____ad use *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
134. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
135. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
136. many tem_____ons *n.* the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire
137. de___e this modification *v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
138. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
139. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
140. en___h a gas with a balloon *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
141. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 131. introduction, 132. glide, 133. widespread, 134. fantastic, 135. strategy, 136. temptation, 137. delete, 138. extraordinary, 139. accelerate, 140. enrich, 141. stick

142. de____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
143. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
144. a young bus_____son *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
145. 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
146. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
147. si_____n wafer *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
148. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
149. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
150. withstand tem_____on *n.* the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire
151. r_g a ship with new sails *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

ANSWERS: 142. decline, 143. apparently, 144. businessperson, 145. withdrawal, 146. demonstrate, 147. silicon, 148. sand, 149. expand, 150. temptation, 151. rig

152. pr___t a debate *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
153. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
154. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
155. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
156. ch_____r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
157. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
158. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
159. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
160. re___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
161. clutch pe__l *n.* a foot-operated lever or control, especially one used to control a vehicle, machine, or musical instrument
162. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
163. y__a teacher *n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation

ANSWERS: 152. prompt, 153. incredible, 154. roll, 155. adopt, 156. chapter, 157. valley, 158. individual, 159. stick, 160. resist, 161. pedal, 162. psychology, 163. yoga

164. s__p judgment

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

ANSWERS: 164. snap

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.
adv. based on what you have heard or read

2. Yoga is a great way to promote _____ and reduce stress.
n. a state of being free from tension, stress, or anxiety; a condition of being relaxed, calm, and comfortable; a period of rest or leisure

3. He _____ the game so he could win the prize.
v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

4. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

5. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

6. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

7. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

8. I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my _____ all day.
n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

ANSWERS: 1. apparently, 2. relaxation, 3. rigged, 4. smartphones, 5. overcome, 6. incredibly, 7. massive, 8. laptop

9. There was a baseless _____ that the company was going bankrupt.
n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
10. _____ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.
n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
11. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
12. He made a _____ recovery.
adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
13. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
14. 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
15. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.
v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
16. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 9. rumor, 10. Silicon, 11. accelerate, 12. miraculous, 13. strategy, 14. withdrawal, 15. enriches, 16. germ

17. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
18. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.
n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
19. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
20. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?
v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
21. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
22. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
23. She _____ a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.
v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
24. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
25. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 17. eventually, 18. studio, 19. device, 20. demonstrate, 21. valley, 22. extraordinary, 23. snapped, 24. release, 25. engaged

26. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

27. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

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

28. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

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

29. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

30. He could not _____ against temptation.

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

31. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

32. Highlight the sentences that you want to _____.

v. to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information

ANSWERS: 26. firm, 27. consume, 28. journalists, 29. introduction, 30. struggle, 31. interrupted, 32. delete

33. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.
- n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
34. We _____ in a souvenir shop.
- v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
35. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
- n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
36. The results of that election put a _____ on political reform.
- n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels
37. I'm not _____ in our victory.
- adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
38. I have a parrot as a _____.
- n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
39. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
40. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.
- n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

ANSWERS: 33. entertainment, 34. browsed, 35. grade, 36. brake, 37. confident, 38. pet, 39. industrious, 40. executive

41. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

42. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

43. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

44. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

45. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

46. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.

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

47. She wore her best dress for the special _____.

n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

48. There was a crack in the _____ that I found.

n. a room's top interior surface

ANSWERS: 41. rolled, 42. obvious, 43. sand, 44. slightly, 45. declines, 46. magic, 47. occasion, 48. ceiling

49. Many people find that regular _____ practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.
- n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
50. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.
- v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
51. He was a successful _____ and had much experience in the field.
- n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
52. He pressed the _____ with all his might, but the car still wouldn't start.
- n.* a foot-operated lever or control, especially one used to control a vehicle, machine, or musical instrument
53. Our company is committed to increasing _____ value.
- n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
54. The director gave the actor a _____ to begin the scene.
- n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
55. Do you have a plan for a long _____
- n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
56. Researchers often succumb to the _____ of accolades and commit research misconduct.
- n.* the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire

ANSWERS: 49. yoga, 50. resist, 51. businessperson, 52. pedal, 53. shareholder, 54. cue, 55. vacation?, 56. temptation

57. The eagle gracefully _____ on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.
v. to move smoothly and effortlessly
58. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
59. Please ignore that _____ on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.
n. a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
60. 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
61. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
62. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
63. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
64. That _____ was an essential base for the country's defense.
n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

ANSWERS: 57. glided, 58. fantastic, 59. twit, 60. relations, 61. individual, 62. conversation, 63. stick, 64. peninsula

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

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

66. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

67. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

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

68. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

69. In medieval times, death punishment was _____ and socially accepted.

adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people

70. She _____ the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

v. to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

71. The national assembly has _____ the budget.

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

72. That incident _____ a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.

v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

ANSWERS: 65. psychology, 66. incredible, 67. survival, 68. expand, 69. widespread, 70. mashed, 71. adopted, 72. prompted

73. This space is a private office _____ to the President

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

74. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

75. I found her assertion pretty _____.

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

76. I had to be careful not to step on a _____ of glass on the floor.

n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

77. He _____ back in time to the soccer game.

v. to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

78. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

79. 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

80. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 73. sacred, 74. Technological, 75. convincing, 76. sliver, 77. zoomed, 78. roughly, 79. creative, 80. app's

81. The final _____ provides a summary of the discussion.

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

82. He accidentally sprained his _____ playing squash.

n. the part or joint connecting the foot to the leg

ANSWERS: 81. chapter, 82. ankle