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Session 1: Word List

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

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.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

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

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

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym : tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

campfire

n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

synonym : bonfire, blaze, fire pit

(1) **campfire** story, (2) roast marshmallows around the **campfire**

We sat around the **campfire** and told stories late into the night.

discuss

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

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

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

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

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

synonym : core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

preparation

n. the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready

synonym : practice, trial, rehearsal

(1) a **preparation** program, (2) the **preparation** of meals
He helped me with the **preparation** of this book.

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.

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.

anatomy

n. the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants

(1) animal **anatomy**, (2) **anatomy** of a country's collapse
The professor explained the **anatomy** of the nervous system.

indelible

adj. cannot be removed, erased, or forgot

synonym : enduring, lasting, unforgettable

(1) an **indelible** ink, (2) an **indelible** disgrace
She left an **indelible** mark on our country's literature.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym : throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye
This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

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.

script

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

synonym: writing, penmanship, article

(1) a hand **script**, (2) the **script** of a play

The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian **script** on a stone monument.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

retrain

v. to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or

technology

synonym : educate, instruct

(1) **retrain** employees, (2) **retrain** skills

She plans to **retrain** in a new field after retiring from her current career.

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.

bunch

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

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

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.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym : glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym : commonly, generally, naturally

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

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

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.

greatly

adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much

synonym: enormously, broadly, grandly

(1) **greatly** affect the situation, (2) **greatly** support that player

They **greatly** admired our actions.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym: publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

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.

palpable

adj. able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible

synonym: tangible, perceptible, noticeable

(1) **palpable** tumor, (2) **palpable** lie

The tension in the room was **palpable** as they waited for the results to come in.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym: terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym: acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

ferret

n. a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other

small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret

synonym: weasel, stoat, polecat

(1) **ferret** food, (2) **ferret** out the truth

I love to watch my pet **ferret** play with its toys.

gem

n. a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing

synonym: jewel, precious stone, diamond

(1) **gem** collection, (2) hidden **gem**

The enga **gement** ring was a precious gem passed down through generations of her family.

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym: event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo

I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym: catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym : motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

vast

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

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

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

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

winnow

v. to separate or remove the undesirable or unnecessary parts of a group or collection; to narrow down or sift through something to find what is useful or valuable

synonym : sift, filter, separate

(1) **winnow** grain, (2) **winnow** out the impractical idea

I need to **winnow** through these job applications to find the most qualified candidates.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym : summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

sustainable

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

synonym : continuable, enduring, tolerable

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

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

appealing

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

synonym : attractive, alluring, captivating

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

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

shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

synonym : push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

opposed

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

synonym : anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

pioneer

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

synonym : frontiersperson, innovator, trailblazer

(1) act as a **pioneer**, (2) early **pioneers**

John Whitney was a computer animation **pioneer**.

launch

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

synonym: start, initiate, begin

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

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

scandal

n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

synonym: controversy, outrage, uproar

(1) **scandal** magazine, (2) a corruption **scandal**

The political **scandal** rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

sleeve

n. a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm

synonym: arm covering, armband

(1) a wide **sleeve**, (2) **sleeve** length

He rolled up his **sleeves** to get ready to work.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym : lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

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.

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.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym : idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

subscribe

v. to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

synonym : sign up, enroll, register

(1) **subscribe** to the service, (2) **subscribe** a petition

I want to **subscribe** to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.

passport

n. an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel

synonym: travel document, ID, identity

(1) **passport** renewal, (2) **passport** document

Carrying a valid **passport** is mandatory when traveling to most foreign countries.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym: alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

binge

n. a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

synonym: spree, overindulgence, splurge

(1) **binge** on social media, (2) alcohol **binge**

She stayed up all night **binge-watching** her favorite TV

show.

fast-forward

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

synonym: advance, hasten, speed up

(1) **fast-forward** 10 seconds, (2) **fast-forward** to the good part

I like to **fast-forward** through commercials when watching TV shows.

demonstration

n. a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

synonym: manifestation, presentation, show

(1) **demonstration** project, (2) a campus **demonstration**

Thousands of people attended the protest **demonstration** against the proposed policy.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

heartfelt

adj. genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions

synonym : sincere, genuine, heartfelt

(1) **heartfelt** apology, (2) **heartfelt** condolence

The letter was a **heartfelt** expression of gratitude to her parents.

huck

v. to throw or toss something quickly or carelessly; to promote or sell something aggressively or persistently

synonym : throw, toss, pitch

(1) **huck** a ball, (2) **huck** a disc

I was able to **huck** the frisbee across the field to my friend.

execute

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

synonym : direct, conduct, enforce

(1) **execute** a bold strategy, (2) **execute** a double play

The mafioso who collaborated with the police was **executed**.

closet

n. a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes

synonym : cabinet, cupboard, locker

(1) **closet** full of suits, (2) walk-in **closets**

He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the **closet**.

nervous

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

synonym : neural, anxious, uneasy

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

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

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.

adventure

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym: experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

soprano

n. the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet

synonym: treble

(1) **soprano** singer, (2) dramatic **soprano**

The **soprano's** voice was so beautiful that it brought the audience to tears.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym: please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

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.

shark

n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

synonym: swindler, con artist, crook

(1) a man-eating **shark**, (2) card **shark**

He borrowed money from a loan **shark**.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

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.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

discount

n. a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

synonym: sale, reduction, (verb) lower

(1) **discount** a draft, (2) **discount** store

I got a massive **discount** on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

sponsor

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

synonym: back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group

Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

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.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

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.

algorithm

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

synonym: logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing

We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

overlord

n. a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past

synonym: master, tyrant, autocrat

(1) evil **overlord**, (2) colonial **overlord**

In the feudal system, the **overlord** owned most of the wealth.

well-rounded

adj. having knowledge, skill, or experience in a wide range of areas or subjects; not limited or restricted to one area of expertise or focus

synonym: versatile, well-balanced, all-around

(1) **well-rounded** diet, (2) **well-rounded** personality

A **well-rounded** education includes academic pursuits and extracurricular activities such as sports and art.

speculate

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

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

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

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

experiment

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

synonym: experimentation, investigation

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

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

electron

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

synonym: negatron

(1) flow of **electrons**, (2) beam of **electrons**

The outermost **electron** shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym: cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

discern

v. to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious

synonym: determine, distinguish, sense

(1) **discern** the big picture, (2) **discern** friend from foe

Parents need to help their children **discern** right and wrong.

disturb

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

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

explode

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

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

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

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

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

idiot

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

synonym: dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**

He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

fictional

adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

synonym: imaginary, invented, made-up

(1) **fictional** character, (2) non- **fictional** text

The names of the company are entirely **fictional**.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym: instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

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

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

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

guilty

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

synonym: culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.

entertain

v. to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling

synonym: amuse, delight, engage

(1) **entertain** a guest, (2) let me **entertain** you with music

He refused to **entertain** our proposal.

creepy

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

synonym: eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

intelligent

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym: brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have

limited motor output for safety.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

prediction

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

synonym: forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddied the **prediction**.

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.

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.

specification

n. a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job

synonym: description, requirement, guideline

(1) functional **specification**, (2) engineering **specification**

The project's **specifications** outlined the goals and requirements for the team to complete.

elect

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

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death
Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

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.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly
synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

extrapolate

v. to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now

synonym: deduce, reason, infer

(1) **extrapolate** the results, (2) **extrapolate** animal dose

This predictive model mechanically **extrapolates** past trends into the future.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym: crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

crown

n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious

stones

synonym : tiara, headdress, royalty

(1) the imperial **crowns**, (2) the **crowns** and throne

The bishop bestowed the golden **crowns** on the king.

throne

n. a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen

synonym : seat, throne, chair

(1) abdicate the **throne**, (2) imperial **throne**

The king sat on his **throne**, surveying his kingdom.

fascinate

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

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

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

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

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

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

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.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym : fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

pantry

n. a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner

synonym: larder, store, cupboard

(1) **pantry** items, (2) kitchen **pantry**

I need to clean out the **pantry** and throw away any expired food.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym: average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

endless

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

synonym: infinite, ceaseless, boundless

(1) **endless** possibilities, (2) **endless** hours
He looked out the window at the **endless** stream of people.

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**.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym : marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

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**.

beforehand

adv. ahead of time; in advance

synonym : in advance, preceding, earlier

(1) take a seat **beforehand**, (2) three months **beforehand**

She packed her sunscreen **beforehand** to remember it on the beach trip.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym : meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this

adventure.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items
synonym : foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**

I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

intense

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

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

arc

n. the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
synonym : turn, bow, angle

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

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

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.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about
synonym : subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym : scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym : angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

pluck

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

synonym : grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

extent

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

synonym : amount, degree, intensity

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. ca____re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
2. abdicate the th____e *n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
3. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
4. gloomy pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
5. sc____m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
6. ex____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
7. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
8. re____n employees *v.* to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology

ANSWERS: 1. campfire, 2. throne, 3. peak, 4. prediction, 5. scream, 6. excite, 7. encounter, 8. retrain

9. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
10. principles of sus____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
11. a friendly con____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
12. fa____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
13. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
14. ma____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
15. an in____le disgrace *adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot
16. de____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
17. development of the ne____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
18. natural phe____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
19. fe___t food *n.* a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret

ANSWERS: 9. obvious, 10. sustainable, 11. conversation, 12. fascinate, 13. topic, 14. magical, 15. indelible, 16. democracy, 17. nervous, 18. phenomenon, 19. ferret

31. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
32. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
33. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
34. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
35. card sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
36. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
37. dramatic so_____o *n.* the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet
38. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
39. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 31. plot, 32. universal, 33. deserve, 34. intelligent, 35. shark, 36. debate, 37. soprano, 38. medical, 39. mystery

40. di_____n friend from foe *v.* to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious
41. 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
42. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
43. roast marshmallows around the ca_____re *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
44. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
45. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
46. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
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. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
49. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 40. discern, 41. span, 42. concept, 43. campfire, 44. collapse, 45. emotional, 46. fiction, 47. argue, 48. addition, 49. democracy

50. wi___w grain *v.* to separate or remove the undesirable or unnecessary parts of a group or collection; to narrow down or sift through something to find what is useful or valuable
51. dem_____ion project *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
52. ep_____e of vertigo *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
53. let me en_____in you with music *v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling
54. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
55. wel_____ded personality *adj.* having knowledge, skill, or experience in a wide range of areas or subjects; not limited or restricted to one area of expertise or focus
56. al_____hm for image processing *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
57. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
58. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

ANSWERS: 50. winnow, 51. demonstration, 52. episode, 53. entertain, 54. novel, 55. well-rounded, 56. algorithm, 57. normally, 58. fantasy

59. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
60. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
61. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
62. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
63. on terms of in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
64. pl__k a gray hair *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
65. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
66. early pi_____rs *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
67. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
68. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
69. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 59. elect, 60. essentially, 61. necessarily, 62. grant, 63. intimacy, 64. pluck, 65. storytelling, 66. pioneer, 67. storytelling, 68. tweet, 69. process

70. ext_____te the results *v.* to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now
71. a hand sc___t *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
72. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
73. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
74. en_____s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
75. 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
76. fa_____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
77. the sc___t of a play *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
78. fe___t out the truth *n.* a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret

ANSWERS: 70. extrapolate, 71. script, 72. instance, 73. launch, 74. endless, 75. span, 76. fantasy, 77. script, 78. ferret

79. ed____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
80. me___m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
81. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
82. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
83. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
84. a person of ge___s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
85. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
86. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
87. di____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
88. run a gr_____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
89. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
90. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

ANSWERS: 79. educate, 80. medium, 81. medicinal, 82. phenomenon, 83. vast, 84. genius, 85. negative, 86. obvious, 87. disturb, 88. grocery, 89. conversation, 90. scary

91. h__k a ball *v.* to throw or toss something quickly or carelessly; to promote or sell something aggressively or persistently
92. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
93. an____y of a country's collapse *n.* the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants
94. he_____lt apology *adj.* genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions
95. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
96. 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
97. 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
98. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
99. imperial th___e *n.* a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen
100. he_____lt condolence *adj.* genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions
101. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting

ANSWERS: 91. huck, 92. panic, 93. anatomy, 94. heartfelt, 95. topic, 96. bible, 97. decide, 98. suspect, 99. throne, 100. heartfelt, 101. fascinating

102. sl___e length *n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
103. sp_____te on the outcome *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
104. a convex l___s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
105. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
106. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
107. build in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
108. kitchen pa___y *n.* a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner
109. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
110. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 102. sleeve, 103. speculate, 104. lens, 105. necessarily, 106. regard, 107. intimacy, 108. pantry, 109. communal, 110. exchange

111. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
112. colonial ov____rd *n.* a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past
113. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
114. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
115. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
116. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
117. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
118. an ap_____ng offer *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
119. 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
120. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
121. cl____t full of suits *n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes

ANSWERS: 111. engage, 112. overlord, 113. possibility, 114. sustainable, 115. compelling, 116. suspect, 117. commerce, 118. appealing, 119. struggle, 120. amazing, 121. closet

122. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
123. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
124. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
125. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
126. gr_____y support that player *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
127. pl__k out weeds *v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
128. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
129. sh__e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
130. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
131. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 122. creative, 123. narrative, 124. weird, 125. intelligent, 126. greatly, 127. pluck, 128. decide, 129. shove, 130. experiment, 131. process

132. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
133. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
134. fas_____ard 10 seconds *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
135. a corruption sc_____l *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
136. an in_____le ink *adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot
137. alcohol bi__e *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
138. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
139. an a_c of a circumference *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
140. sa_____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
141. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

ANSWERS: 132. lens, 133. distribute, 134. fast-forward, 135. scandal, 136. indelible, 137. binge, 138. universal, 139. arc, 140. satisfy, 141. commerce

142. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
143. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
144. en_____in a guest *v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling
145. unsolved my_____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
146. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
147. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
148. g_m collection *n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing
149. 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

ANSWERS: 142. plot, 143. suppose, 144. entertain, 145. mystery, 146. swell, 147. essence, 148. gem, 149. argue

150. di_____nt a draft *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
151. evil ov_____rd *n.* a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past
152. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
153. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
154. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
155. h__k a disc *v.* to throw or toss something quickly or carelessly; to promote or sell something aggressively or persistently
156. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
157. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
158. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
159. take a seat bef_____nd *adv.* ahead of time; in advance

ANSWERS: 150. discount, 151. overlord, 152. creative, 153. president, 154. fascinate, 155. huck, 156. genius, 157. deserve, 158. creep, 159. beforehand

160. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
161. a man-eating sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
162. fas_____ard to the good part *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
163. re_____n skills *v.* to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology
164. upcoming crime dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
165. st_____le against discrimination *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
166. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
167. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
168. secular dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
169. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
170. three months bef_____nd *adv.* ahead of time; in advance

ANSWERS: 160. essentially, 161. shark, 162. fast-forward, 163. retrain, 164. drama, 165. struggle, 166. negative, 167. bunch, 168. drama, 169. studio, 170. beforehand

171. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
172. act as a pi_____r *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
173. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
174. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
175. gastronomic ad_____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
176. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
177. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
178. di_____nt store *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
179. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

ANSWERS: 171. involve, 172. pioneer, 173. explode, 174. fan, 175. adventure, 176. cast, 177. trap, 178. discount, 179. peak

180. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
181. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
182. animal an____y *n.* the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants
183. feel a bit gu___y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
184. beam of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
185. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
186. make my pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
187. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
188. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
189. pa_____rt document *n.* an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel

ANSWERS: 180. vast, 181. mad, 182. anatomy, 183. guilty, 184. electron, 185. explode, 186. prediction, 187. pitch, 188. essence, 189. passport

190. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
191. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
192. the cr__n and throne *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
193. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
194. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
195. wi___w out the impractical idea *v.* to separate or remove the undesirable or unnecessary parts of a group or collection; to narrow down or sift through something to find what is useful or valuable
196. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
197. the imperial cr__n *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
198. the pre_____on of meals *n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
199. certain ex____t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
200. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

ANSWERS: 190. fiction, 191. accurate, 192. crown, 193. disturb, 194. communal, 195. winnow, 196. normally, 197. crown, 198. preparation, 199. extent, 200. compelling

201. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
202. the ex___t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
203. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
204. what an id__t *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
205. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
206. hour of ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
207. get ne____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
208. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
209. end of the first ep_____e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

ANSWERS: 201. president, 202. extent, 203. scream, 204. idiot, 205. excite, 206. entertainment, 207. nervous, 208. encounter, 209. episode

210. engineering spe_____ion *n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job
211. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
212. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
213. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
214. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
215. sa_____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
216. the RSA al_____hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
217. ap_____ng design *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
218. two op_____d characters *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

ANSWERS: 210. specification, 211. studio, 212. advertise, 213. exciting, 214. addition, 215. satisfy, 216. algorithm, 217. appealing, 218. opposed

219. learn new co____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
220. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
221. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
222. ext____te animal dose *v.* to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now
223. 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
224. co____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
225. id__t driver *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
226. develop in____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
227. tec____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
228. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
229. 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

ANSWERS: 219. concept, 220. creep, 221. trap, 222. extrapolate, 223. bible, 224. consume, 225. idiot, 226. intense, 227. technological, 228. crazy, 229. executive

230. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
231. hidden g_m *n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing
232. pa_____le lie *adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
233. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
234. sc_____l magazine *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
235. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
236. gr_____y affect the situation *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
237. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
238. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 230. medical, 231. gem, 232. palpable, 233. possibility, 234. scandal, 235. debate, 236. greatly, 237. amazing, 238. involve

239. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
240. ex____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
241. pa____rt renewal *n.* an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel
242. in____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
243. sp____te about the reason *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
244. flow of el____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
245. sc__y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
246. an elegant ent____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
247. cr__y atmosphere *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
248. 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

ANSWERS: 239. bunch, 240. exchange, 241. passport, 242. intense, 243. speculate, 244. electron, 245. scary, 246. entertainment, 247. creepy, 248. novel

249. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
250. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
251. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
252. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
253. 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
254. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
255. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
256. fi_____al character *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
257. pa___y items *n.* a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner

ANSWERS: 249. crazy, 250. discuss, 251. advertise, 252. swell, 253. executive, 254. tweet, 255. suddenly, 256. fictional, 257. pantry

258. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
259. notable in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
260. ed____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
261. re___d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
262. an advertising me___m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
263. feel cr___y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
264. so____o singer *n.* the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet
265. provide ac____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
266. di____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 258. launch, 259. instance, 260. educate, 261. regard, 262. medium, 263. creepy, 264. soprano, 265. accurate, 266. discuss

267. an air-cooled en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
268. a pre_____on program *n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
269. en_____s possibilities *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
270. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
271. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
272. su_____be a petition *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
273. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
274. pa_____le tumor *adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
275. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
276. sh__e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
277. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
278. wel_____ded diet *adj.* having knowledge, skill, or experience in a wide range of areas or subjects; not limited or restricted to one area of expertise or focus

ANSWERS: 267. engine, 268. preparation, 269. endless, 270. critic, 271. suddenly, 272. subscribe, 273. critic, 274. palpable, 275. magical, 276. shove, 277. fascinating, 278. well-rounded

279. sp_____r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
280. functional spe_____ion *n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job
281. ex_____e a double play *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
282. absolutely op_____d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
283. a steam en_____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
284. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
285. en_____e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
286. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
287. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
288. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 279. sponsor, 280. specification, 281. execute, 282. opposed, 283. engine, 284. panic, 285. engage, 286. medicinal, 287. emotional, 288. suppose

289. a campus dem_____ion *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
290. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
291. ex_____e a bold strategy *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
292. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
293. walk-in cl___ts *n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
294. bi___e on social media *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
295. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
296. su_____be to the service *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
297. the gr_____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
298. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 289. demonstration, 290. settle, 291. execute, 292. technological, 293. closet, 294. binge, 295. fan, 296. subscribe, 297. grocery, 298. weird

299. se___e a dispute	<i>v.</i>	to reach an agreement of disagreement
300. ad_____re film	<i>n.</i>	a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
301. the a_c current	<i>n.</i>	the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
302. gu___y verdict	<i>adj.</i>	feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
303. a wide sl___e	<i>n.</i>	a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
304. co_____e electricity	<i>v.</i>	to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
305. personal na_____ve	<i>n.</i>	a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
306. ex_____ng news	<i>adj.</i>	causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 299. settle, 300. adventure, 301. arc, 302. guilty, 303. sleeve, 304. consume, 305. narrative, 306. exciting

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I want to _____ to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.
 - v. to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

2. She packed her sunscreen _____ to remember it on the beach trip.
 - adv. ahead of time; in advance

3. Her voice gradually increased in _____.
 - n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

4. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
 - n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

5. 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

6. The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian _____ on a stone monument.
 - n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

7. These results muddied the _____.
 - n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

ANSWERS: 1. subscribe, 2. beforehand, 3. pitch, 4. storytelling, 5. executive, 6. script, 7. prediction

8. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
9. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
10. I need to clean out the _____ and throw away any expired food.
- n.* a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner
11. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.
- adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
12. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
- n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
13. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
- v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
14. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.
- v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
15. His _____ showed highly positive results.
- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

ANSWERS: 8. critics, 9. instances, 10. pantry, 11. Intelligent, 12. mystery, 13. collapsed, 14. regarded, 15. experiments

16. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
17. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
18. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
19. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.
n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
20. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
21. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.
n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
22. 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

ANSWERS: 16. deserved, 17. Democracy, 18. tweet, 19. lens, 20. president, 21. engine, 22. decide

23. Mozart was a musical _____.

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

24. The political _____ rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.

n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

25. The names of the company are entirely _____.

adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

26. I'm a big ___ of French food.

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

27. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

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

28. 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

29. 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

30. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

ANSWERS: 23. genius, 24. scandal, 25. fictional, 26. fan, 27. bunch, 28. engaged, 29. involves, 30. fascinating

31. The project's _____ outlined the goals and requirements for the team to complete.
- n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job
32. 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
33. The enga_____ ring was a precious gem passed down through generations of her family.
- n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing
34. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.
- adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
35. He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the _____.
- n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
36. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.
- n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
37. I like to _____ through commercials when watching TV shows.
- v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

ANSWERS: 31. specifications, 32. studio, 33. gemstone, 34. guilty, 35. closet, 36. extent, 37. fast-forward

38. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

39. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

40. He borrowed money from a loan _____.

n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

41. His estate was _____ to his sons.

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

42. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

43. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

44. The magic tricks _____ the children.

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

45. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 38. medicinal, 39. encounter, 40. shark, 41. distributed, 42. amazing, 43. opposed, 44. fascinated, 45. crazy

46. Aging _____ up slowly with time.

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

47. 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

48. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.

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

49. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.

adj. correct and exact in all details

50. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

51. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

52. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

53. The professor explained the _____ of the nervous system.

n. the scientific study that deals with the physical structure of humans, animals, or plants

54. I love to watch my pet _____ play with its toys.

n. a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret

ANSWERS: 46. creeps, 47. novel, 48. intense, 49. accurate, 50. scary, 51. suppose, 52. excited, 53. anatomy, 54. ferret

55. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

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

56. A _____ education includes academic pursuits and extracurricular activities such as sports and art.

- adj.* having knowledge, skill, or experience in a wide range of areas or subjects; not limited or restricted to one area of expertise or focus

57. The bishop bestowed the golden _____ on the king.

- n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

58. We want to _____ our company through your media.

- v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

59. He forcibly _____ the flyer into my bag.

- v.* to push someone or something in a rough way

60. I got a massive _____ on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.

- n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

61. They were looking for _____ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

- n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

ANSWERS: 55. consume, 56. well-rounded, 57. crown, 58. advertise, 59. shoved, 60. discount, 61. intimacy

62. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

63. He helped me with the _____ of this book.

n. the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready

64. He rolled up his _____ to get ready to work.

n. a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm

65. The letter was a _____ expression of gratitude to her parents.

adj. genuine, sincere, and expressing deep feelings or emotions

66. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

67. 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

68. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

69. The king sat on his _____ surveying his kingdom.

n. a chair or seat of state for a monarch or other high-ranking person; the position of being a king or queen

70. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

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

ANSWERS: 62. medium, 63. preparation, 64. sleeves, 65. heartfelt, 66. granted, 67. argue, 68. sponsors, 69. throne, 70. launch

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

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

72. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

73. The cops _____ him of being the killer.

- v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

74. She had an audition for _____ school.

- n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

75. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

76. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

77. In the feudal system, the _____ owned most of the wealth.

- n.* a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past

78. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.

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

79. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.

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

ANSWERS: 71. elected, 72. Communal, 73. suspected, 74. drama, 75. conversation, 76. debate, 77. overlord, 78. disturb, 79. speculated

80. He refused to _____ our proposal.

- v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling

81. Parents need to help their children _____ right and wrong.

- v.* to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious

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

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

83. A rainbow is a natural _____.

- n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

84. 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

85. Truth is stranger than _____.

- n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

86. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.

- n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

87. 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

ANSWERS: 80. entertain, 81. discern, 82. mad, 83. phenomenon, 84. span, 85. fiction, 86. adventures, 87. panic

88. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

89. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

90. The enemy fell right into the _____.

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

91. We sat around the _____ and told stories late into the night.

n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

92. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

93. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

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

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

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

95. The _____ voice was so beautiful that it brought the audience to tears.

n. the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet

ANSWERS: 88. magical, 89. compelling, 90. trap, 91. campfire, 92. universal, 93. sustainable, 94. possibility, 95. soprano's

96. A ball flew in a big ____.

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

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

98. Thousands of people attended the protest _____ against the proposed policy.

n. a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

99. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.

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

100. This accident was something that happened _____.

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

101. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

102. I don't want to _____ for second best.

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

103. I need to _____ through these job applications to find the most qualified candidates.

v. to separate or remove the undesirable or unnecessary parts of a group or collection; to narrow down or sift through something to find what is useful or valuable

ANSWERS: 96. arc, 97. obvious, 98. demonstration, 99. entertainment, 100. necessarily, 101. medical, 102. settle, 103. winnow

104. 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

105. The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very _____ to readers

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

106. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.

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

107. She _____ the flowers off the bush.

- v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

108. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.

- v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

109. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

- n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

110. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.

- v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

ANSWERS: 104. struggle, 105. appealing, 106. exploded, 107. plucked, 108. educate, 109. plot, 110. cast

111. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.
n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
112. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
113. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.
adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
114. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
115. 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
116. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
117. The old, abandoned house was _____ and gave me the chills.
adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
118. He looked out the window at the _____ stream of people.
adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

ANSWERS: 111. essence, 112. negative, 113. nervous, 114. exciting, 115. creative, 116. process, 117. creepy, 118. endless

119. She kept _____ for an ambulance.

- v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

120. 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

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

- adv.* usually; under normal conditions

122. This predictive model mechanically _____ past trends into the future.

- v.* to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now

123. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

- adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

124. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.

- n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

125. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

- n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

126. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

- n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about

ANSWERS: 119. screaming, 120. bible, 121. normally, 122. extrapolates, 123. weird, 124. algorithm, 125. addition, 126. topic

127. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.

- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

128. She left an _____ mark on our country's literature.

- adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot

129. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.

- n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

130. She stayed up all night _____ her favorite TV show.

- n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

131. He acted like an _____ and spilled his drink all over the floor.

- n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

132. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.

- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

133. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.

- n.* a shop that sells food and other household items

134. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 127. exchange, 128. indelible, 129. pioneer, 130. binge-watching, 131. idiot, 132. fantasy, 133. grocery, 134. concept

135. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
136. The mafioso who collaborated with the police was _____.
v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
137. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
138. A ____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
139. She plans to _____ in a new field after retiring from her current career.
v. to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology
140. Carrying a valid _____ is mandatory when traveling to most foreign countries.
n. an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel
141. Did this response _____ your request?
v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
142. The tension in the room was _____ as they waited for the results to come in.
adj. able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
143. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 135. Technological, 136. executed, 137. Essentially, 138. vast, 139. retrain, 140. passport, 141. satisfy, 142. palpable, 143. discuss

144. I want to put that _____ of my life behind me.
n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
145. They _____ admired our actions.
adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
146. Who answers _____ knows little.
adv. quickly and unexpectedly
147. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
148. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.
n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
149. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
150. The outermost _____ shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.
n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
151. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
152. I was able to _____ the frisbee across the field to my friend.
v. to throw or toss something quickly or carelessly; to promote or sell something aggressively or persistently

ANSWERS: 144. episode, 145. greatly, 146. suddenly, 147. commerce, 148. peak, 149. emotional, 150. electron, 151. narrative, 152. huck

153. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

ANSWERS: 153. swelling